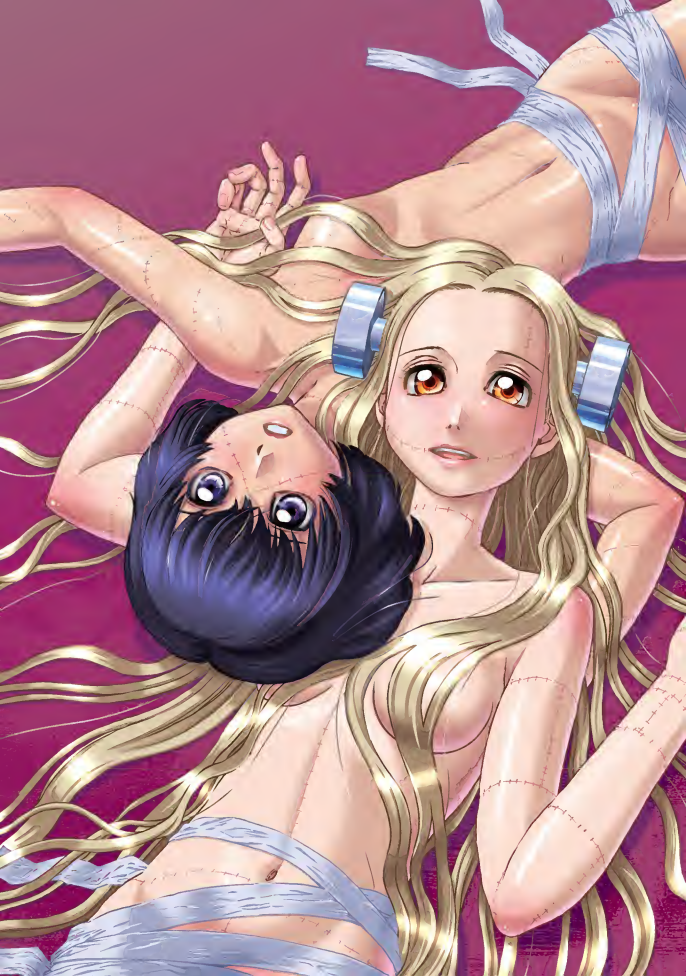




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FRANKEN FRANKEN

story and art
**KATSUHISA
KIGITSU**







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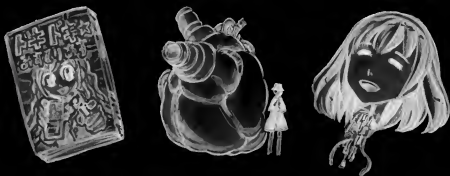
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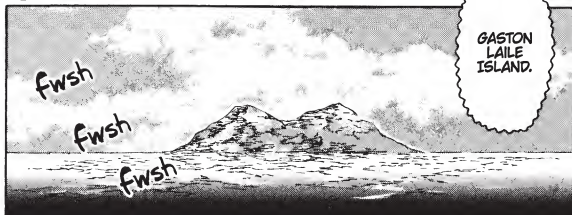


A man's own self is so utterly unknown that many believe themselves to be dying despite being in perfect health, while many others believe themselves healthy although on the very of death.

- Pascal



GASTON
LAILE
ISLAND.



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IT'S
PRIVATELY
OWNED
AND KEPT
SECRET.

IT'S EVEN
BEEN
ERASED
FROM
GOOGLE
EARTH.

putt

putt

A SMALL
DESERTED
POLY-
NESIAN
ISLAND.

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fwsh

fwsh

fwsh

THE
DOCTOR
HAS
CONNECTIONS
HERE,
SO...

I COME
AND DO
MEDICAL
EXAMS
ONCE
A YEAR.

WELL,
AS
FOR
THAT...

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putt

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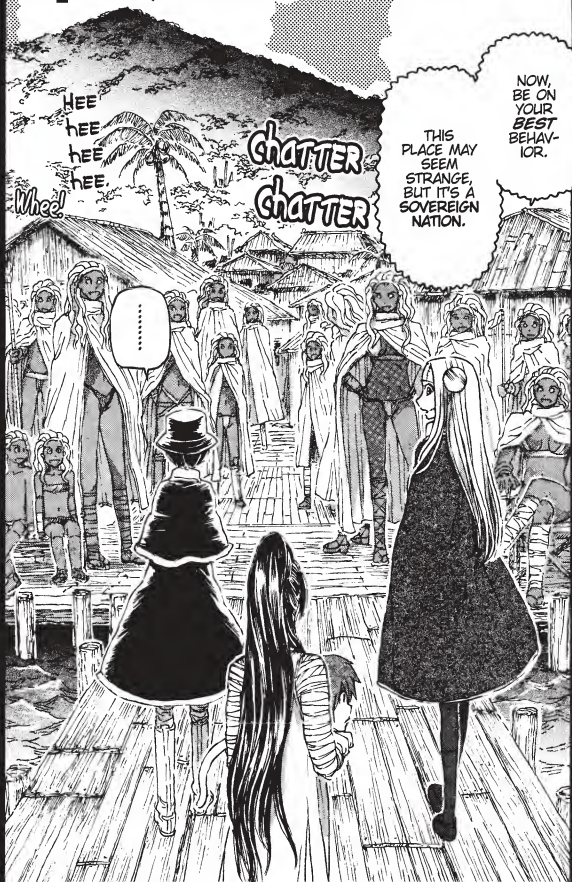
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?!

SO,
WHAT'S
ON IT,
FRAN?



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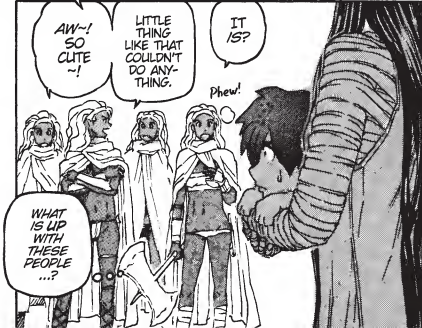
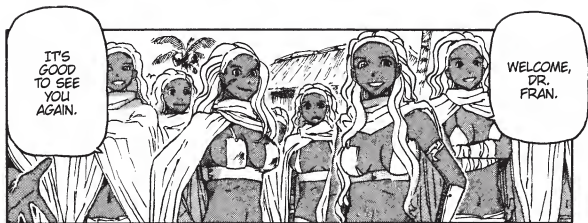
HEE
HEE
HEE
HEE

Whee!

CHATTER
CHATTER

THIS
PLACE MAY
SEEM
STRANGE,
BUT IT'S A
SOVEREIGN
NATION.

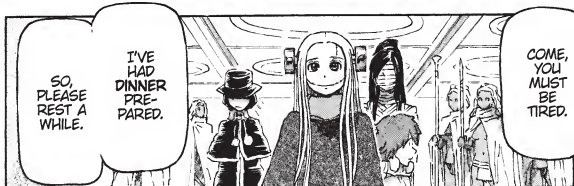
NOW,
BE ON
YOUR
BEST
BEHAV-
IOR.





WE'VE
BEEN
WAITING
FOR
YOU.

FRAN,
SO
GOOD
TO SEE
YOU.



SO,
PLEASE
REST A
WHILE.

I'VE
HAD
DINNER
PRE-
PARED.

COME,
YOU
MUST
BE
TIRED.



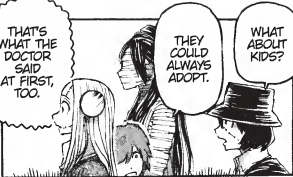
HOW DID
THIS
HAPPEN?

THIS
PLACE
IS ALL
WOMEN...



THE
DOCTOR
SPENT SOME
TIME ON
THIS ISLAND,
AND GOT TO
KNOW THE
INHABITANTS.

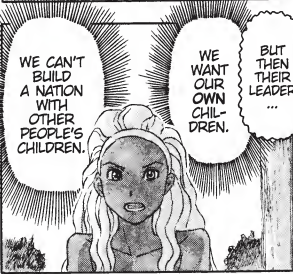
WELL,
IT ALL
STARTED
AROUND
THE TIME OF
THE SECOND
WORLD
WAR.



THAT'S
WHAT THE
DOCTOR
SAID
AT FIRST,
TOO.

THEY
COULD
ALWAYS
ADOPT.

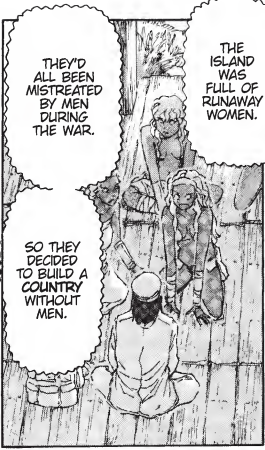
WHAT
ABOUT
KIDS?



WE CAN'T
BUILD
A NATION
WITH
OTHER
PEOPLE'S
CHILDREN.

WE
WANT
OUR
OWN
CHILDREN.

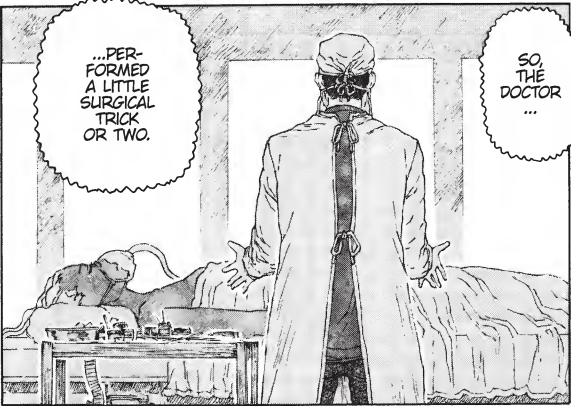
BUT
THEN
THEIR
LEADER
...



THEY'D
ALL BEEN
MISTREATED
BY MEN
DURING
THE WAR.

THE
ISLAND
WAS
FULL OF
RUNAWAY
WOMEN.

SO THEY
DECIDED
TO BUILD
A COUNTRY
WITHOUT
MEN.



...PER-
FORMED
A LITTLE
SURGICAL
TRICK
OR TWO.

SO,
THE
DOCTOR
...

BUT ONLY THE DOCTOR HAS ACHIEVED IT IN A CREATURE AS COMPLEX AS A HUMAN BEING.

MANY SIMPLE ORGANISMS REPRODUCE THAT WAY.

PAR-THENO-GENESIS.

THE TECHNIQUE WAS WELL AHEAD OF ITS TIME.

A TRICK ...?

IT'S BASICALLY A FORM OF CLONING.

BY THIS PROCESS, YOU CAN KEEP GIVING BIRTH TO YOUR OWN TWIN INDEFINITELY.

Fetus Stage

Blastocyst Stage

Cell Stage

Any expression of male information is suppressed.

Only the mother's genes are transmitted.

Egg cell cleavage leads to meiosis.

NOW THESE WOMEN CAN WILL THEMSELVES TO BECOME PREGNANT BY DIVIDING AN EGG CELL WITHOUT FERTILIZATION.

THERE'S BEEN AN INCREASE IN HEREDITARY DISEASES, AND WHENEVER A VIRUS ATTACKS, THE ENTIRE POPULATION GETS HIT.

BUT THE SYSTEM ISN'T PERFECT.

THAT'S RIGHT.

THERE'S NO WAY OF MITIGATING THESE RISKS.

Shounen
Rider
Commanding
Officer

Head of
Childbirth

Head of
Treasury

Head of
Education

Head of
Traffic

Head of Social
Welfare

Head of
Parliament

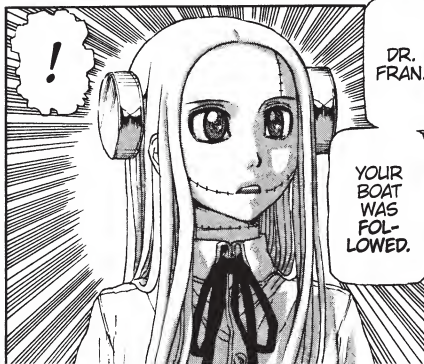
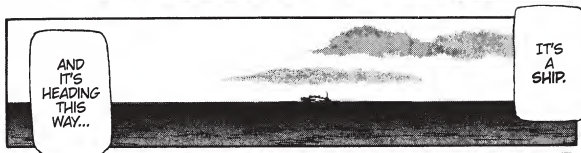
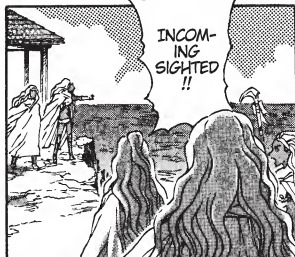
Volunt

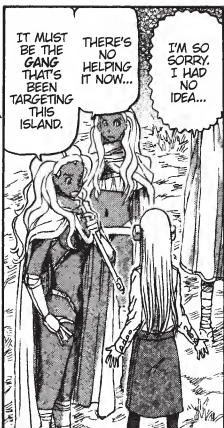
Queen

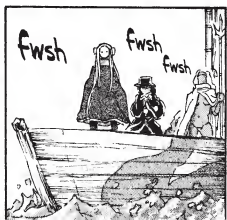
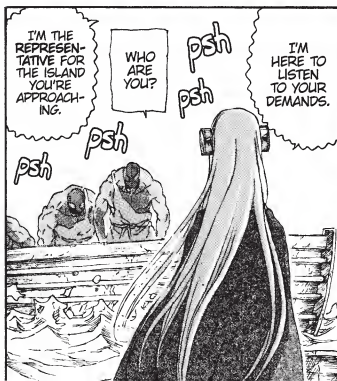
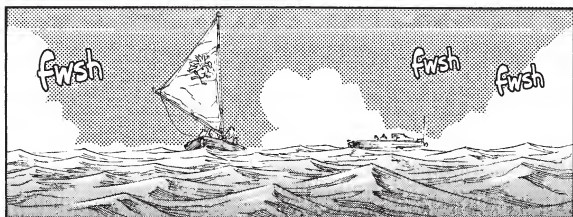
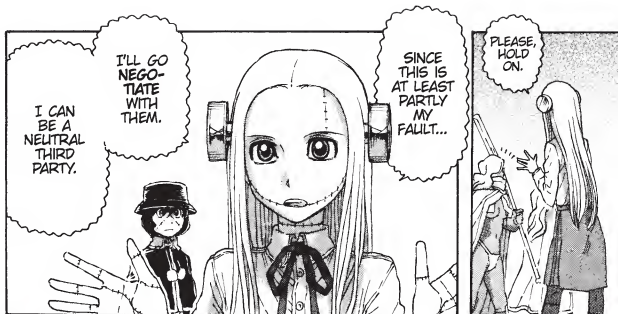
Castes below
Evila

SO THEN, THIS ISLAND ...?









IT'S
NOT UP
FOR NEGOTIA-
TION.

WE
NEED
WOMEN.

AND DUE
TO THE HOT,
HUMID
CLIMATE,
EVEN SMALL
CUTS WILL
GET BADLY
INFECTED.

I CAN'T
EVEN
PROPERLY
TREAT
BROKEN
BONES OR
CUTS.

AND
THERE
ARE NO
DECENT
MEDICAL
FACILITIES
HERE.

THE
WOMEN
HERE
ARE
PRE-
PARED
TO FIGHT.

THIS WILL
LEAD TO
SERIOUS
INJURIES
ON BOTH
SIDES.

NOW,
NOW.

ALL
RIGHT,
ALL
RIGHT!

AND KIDNAPPING
THESE WOMEN
WILL LEAVE
RESENTMENT AND
ILL WILL BEHIND,
WHICH IS CERTAIN
TO HAVE LASTING
EFFECTS,
EVEN IF YOU
SUCCEED...

It
huuu-
urts.

YOU'LL BE
FORCED
TO CHOOSE
BETWEEN
WATCHING
YOUR
COMRADES
SUFFER, OR
SACRIFICING
THEM.

VERY
WELL.

LET
US GO
TO OUR
ISLAND.

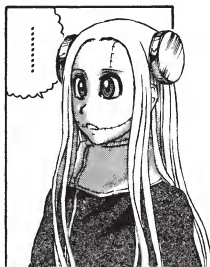
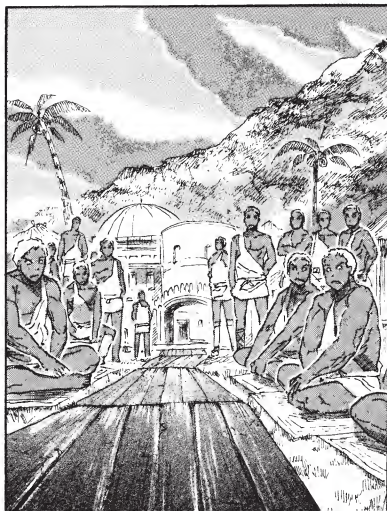
WE
CAN TALK
MORE
COMFORT-
ABLY
THERE.

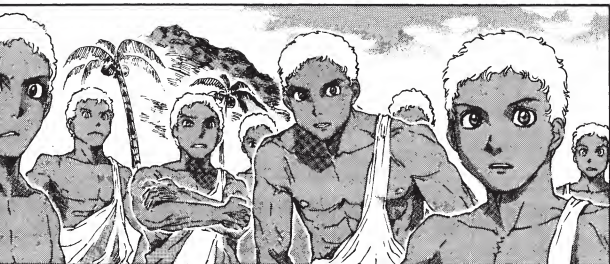
YOU'VE
MADE
YOUR
POINT.

LET'S
TALK.

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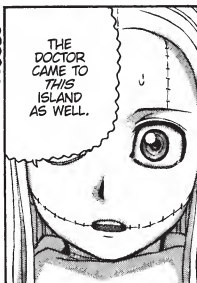
fwsh
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MAYBE
AROUND
THE SAME
TIME AS
LAILE
ISLAND.

I DON'T
KNOW
WHEN.

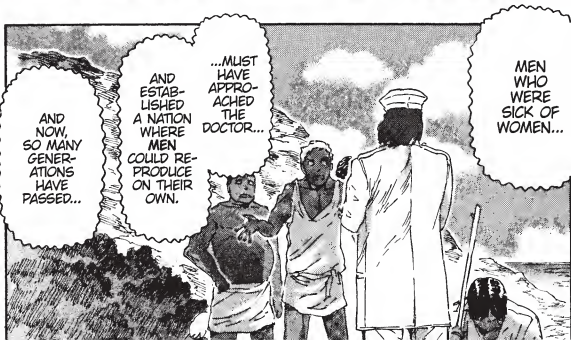


THE
DOCTOR
CAME TO
THIS
ISLAND
AS WELL.



I HAD A
FEELING
THIS
MIGHT
BE THE
CASE...

UM,
FRAN...



AND
NOW,
SO MANY
GENERA-
TIONS
HAVE
PASSED...

AND
ESTAB-
LISHED
A NATION
WHERE
MEN
COULD RE-
PRODUCE
ON THEIR
OWN.

...MUST
HAVE
APPROACH-
ED THE
DOCTOR...

MEN
WHO
WERE
SICK OF
WOMEN...

ADAMANTIAS
THE
THIRD.

I'M THE
KING
OF LULL
ISLAND.

BUT THEN
WE LEARNED
OF ANOTHER
ISLAND,
SIMILAR TO
OUR OWN,
WITH NOTHING
BUT WOMEN.

WE HAVE
NEVER LAID
EYES ON
THIS THING
CALLED
"WOMAN."

NO, NO--
I'M
TALKING
ABOUT
GOING TO
WAR.

WAYS
?

WE'RE
TIRED OF
USING
WAYS AS
PART-
NERS.

NOW,
NOW.
NO NEED
FOR SUCH
RASH
ACTIONS.

WE
SWORE TO
TAKE
THESE
WOMEN,
EVEN IF
IT MEANT
WAR.

AND
THE TWO
ISLANDS
CAN HOLD
AN EX-
CHANGE.

I'LL ACT
AS AN
INTER-
DIARY.

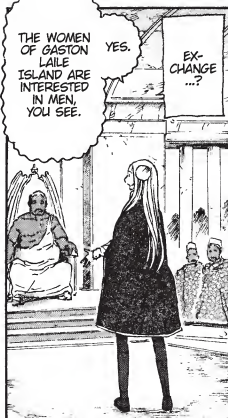
HERE'S
A
BETTER
IDEA.





FOR GENERATIONS THEY'VE BEEN A NATION OF WOMEN, BUT NOW THEY'RE STARTING TO SEE ITS LIMITATIONS.

PERHAPS WE CAN BRING THE TWO ISLANDS TOGETHER IN A FRIENDLY PARTNERSHIP, RATHER THAN WAR...



THE WOMEN OF GASTON LAILE ISLAND ARE INTERESTED IN MEN, YOU SEE.

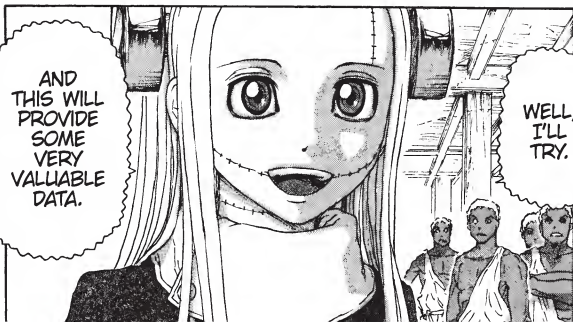
YES.

EX-CHANGE ...?



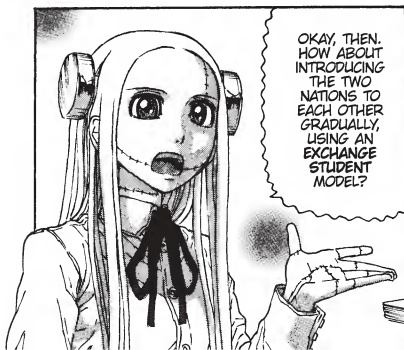
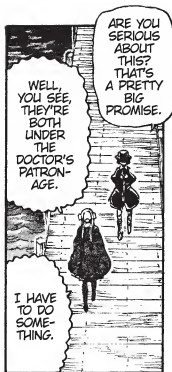
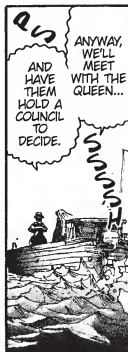
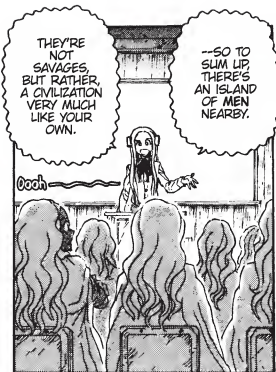
CAN YOU TRULY ACT AS AN INTER-MEDIARY BETWEEN US?

.....



AND THIS WILL PROVIDE SOME VERY VALUABLE DATA.

WELL, I'LL TRY.





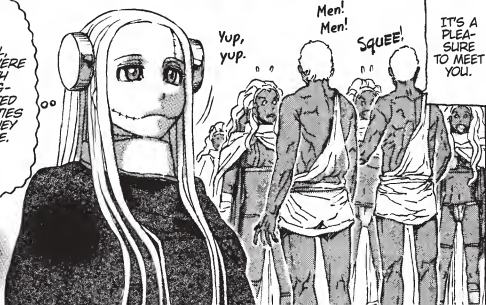
WELL, THEY WERE BOTH FRAGMENTED SOCIETIES AS THEY WERE. AND THIS WILL DIVERSIFY THEIR GENE POOL AS WELL.

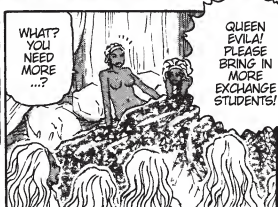
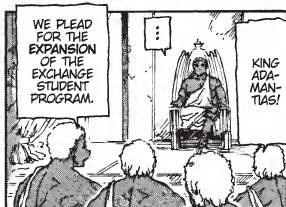
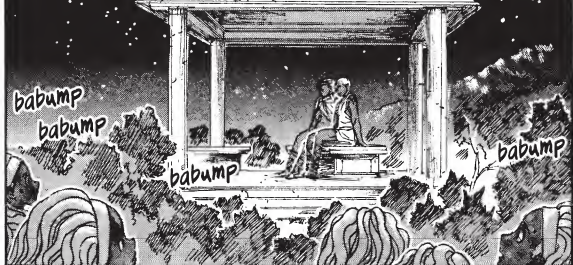
yup, yup.

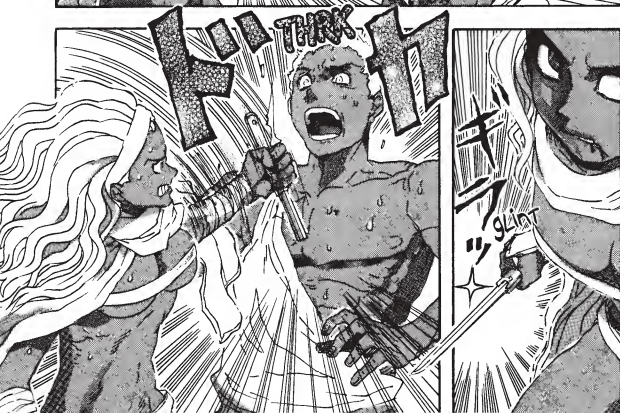
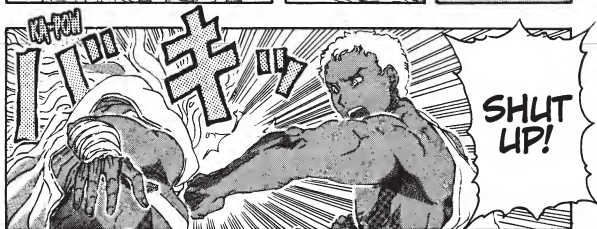
Men! Men!

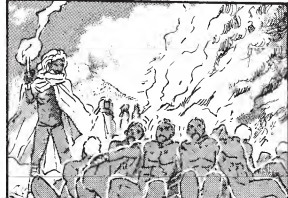
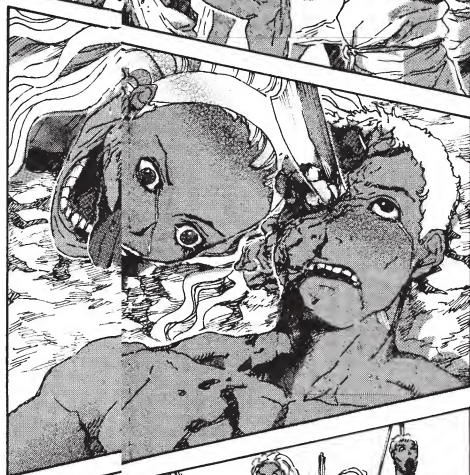
SQUEE!

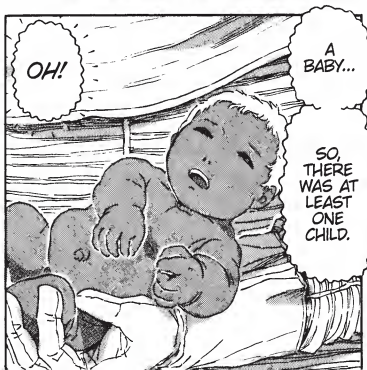
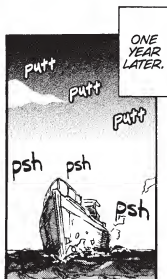
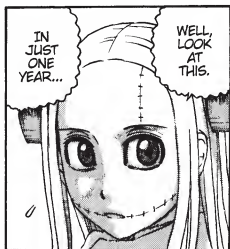
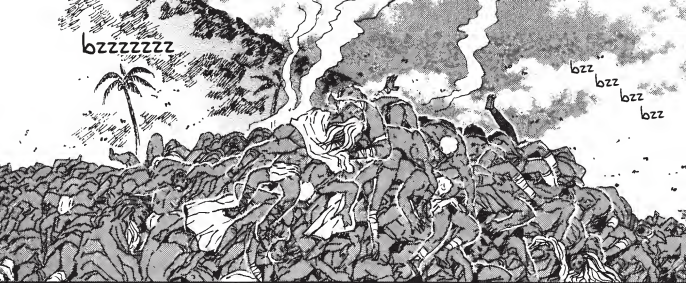
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.

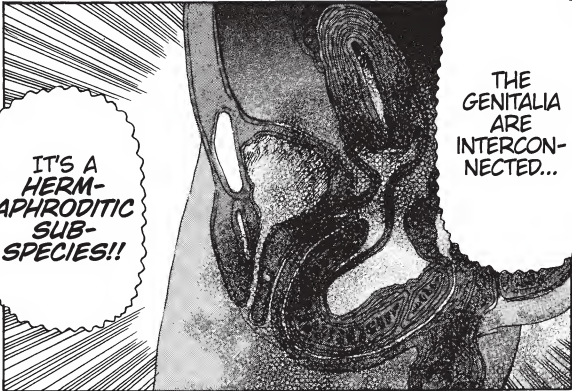






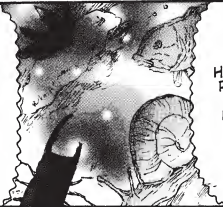






IT'S A
HERM-
APHRODITIC
SUB-
SPECIES!!

THE
GENITALIA
ARE
INTERCON-
NECTED...



IT USUALLY
APPEARS IN
VERY SIMPLE
SPECIES
WITH A HIGH
MORTALITY
RATE, FORCED
INTO THAT
CHOICE BY A
HARSH ENVI-
RONMENT.

HERMAPH-
RODITISM
ISN'T
EXACTLY
A STEP
UP.



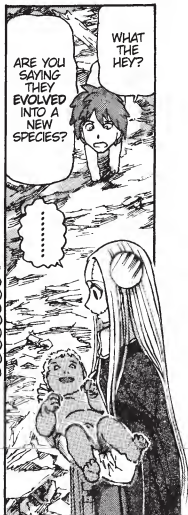
ARE YOU
SAYING
THEY
EVOLVED
INTO A
NEW
SPECIES?

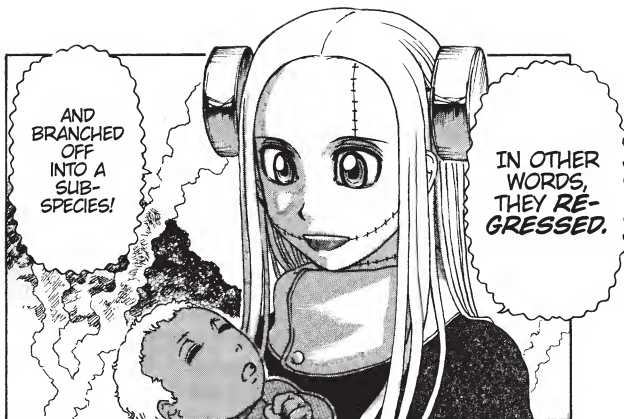
WHAT
THE
HEY?



...LOCKED
AWAY ON
THEIR IS-
LANDS, IN
SEARCH
OF THEIR
UTOPIA.

THIS
IS THE
RESULT
OF THOSE
MEN AND
WOMEN...





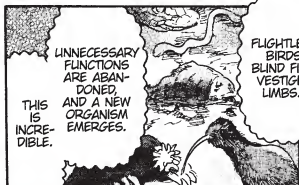
AND
BRANCHED
OFF
INTO A
SUB-
SPECIES!

IN OTHER
WORDS,
THEY RE-
GRESSED.



IT'S NOT
GOOD OR
BAD. IT'S
SPECIAL-
IZATION.

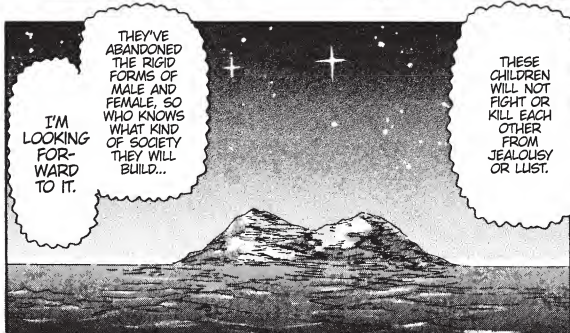
SO,
THIS...
IS A
GOOD
THING?



UNNECESSARY
FUNCTIONS
ARE ABAN-
DONED,
AND A NEW
ORGANISM
EMERGES.

THIS
IS
INCRED-
IBLE.

FLIGHTLESS
BIRDS,
BLIND FISH,
VESTIGIAL
LIMBS...



I'M
LOOKING
FOR-
WARD
TO IT.

THEY'VE
ABANDONED
THE RIGID
FORMS OF
MALE AND
FEMALE, SO
WHO KNOWS
WHAT KIND
OF SOCIETY
THEY WILL
BUILD...

THESE
CHILDREN
WILL NOT
FIGHT OR
KILL EACH
OTHER
FROM
JEALOUSY
OR LUST.



IDENTIFY
YOUR-
SELF!!

YOU
!!



OH,
I'M
JUST...

ME?



HEIR TO
THE
HERO'S
NAME...

SECOND
SENTI-
NEL!!

Flaaaaaash

AN
ENVOY
OF
JUSTICE...



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SENTINEL
PUUUU-
LINC
!!

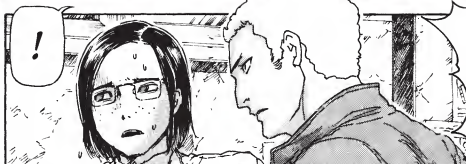
KA-

WHAM

!!!

THEN,
ONE DAY,
I GOT
CORNERED
BY A GROUP
OF SCARY
GUYS IN
AKIHABARA...

WHEN
I WAS
A KID,
I WAS
CONSTANTLY
BULLIED.



**HOLD
IT!!**

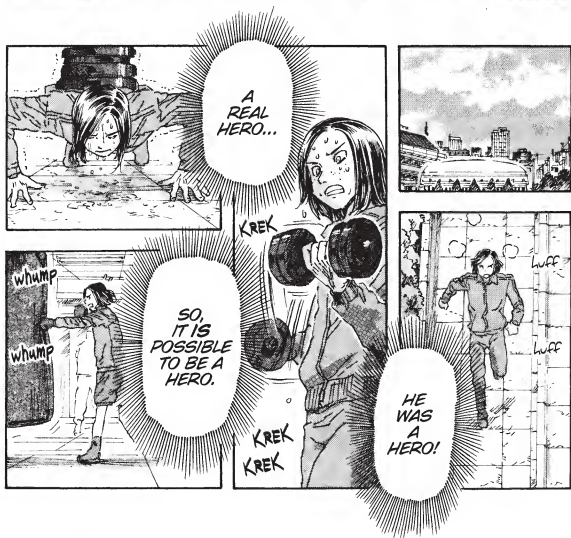
IN THE
BLINK OF
AN EYE,
IT TURNED
INTO
A BLOOD-
BATH...

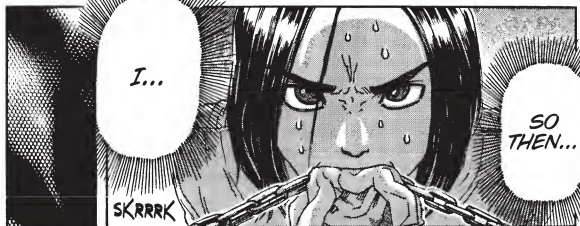
...AND
HE
APPEARED,
CARRYING
A LEAD
PIPE.

CHAK

CHAK







I...

SO
THEN...

SKRRRK

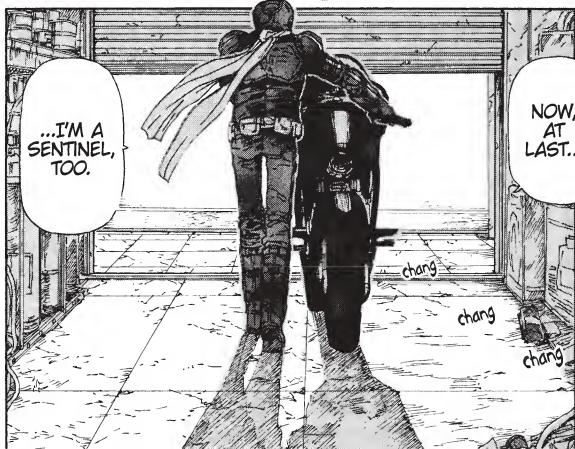
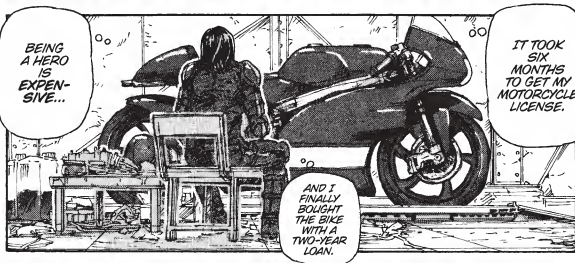
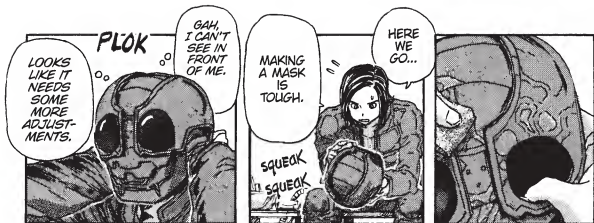


OHH-
HH.

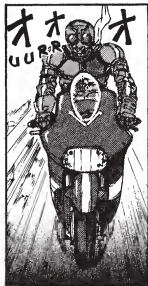
YOU
WANT THE
SAME
POWER AS
SENTINEL-
SAN...

WELL,
I DON'T
SEE
WHY
NOT~!

SHALL
WE BEGIN
THE
OPERA-
AATION?



HOW
AM I
SUPPOSED
TO FIND
THE BAD
GUYS...?



I'LL
MEET
THE
ORIGINAL
SENTI-
NEL.

AND
MAYBE
...

That
rock
so
hard

Pop

I'LL
JUST
KEEP
PATROL-
LING.

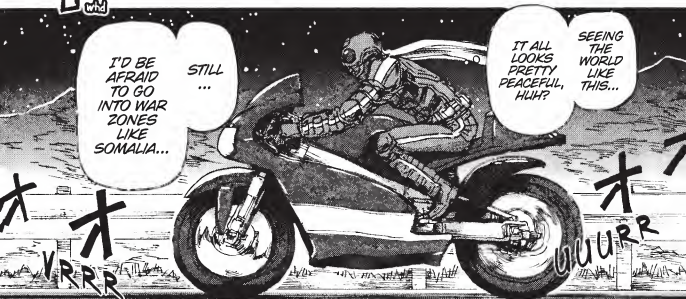
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Krsh

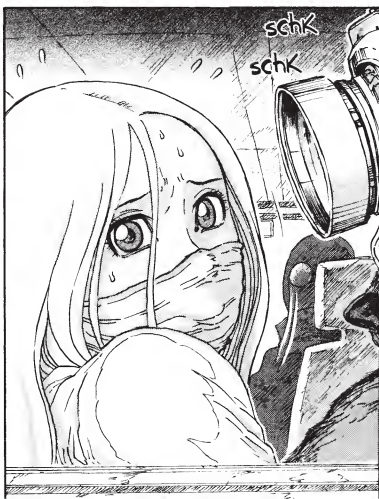
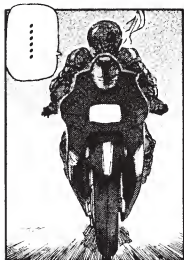
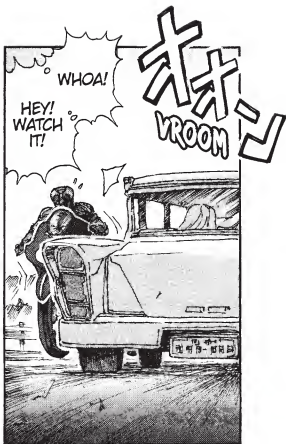
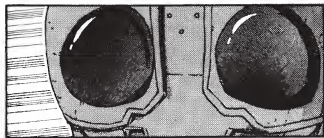
I'D BE
AFRAID
TO GO
INTO WAR
ZONES
LIKE
SOMALIA...

STILL
...

IT ALL
LOOKS
PRETTY
PEACEFUL,
HUH?

SEEING
THE
WORLD
LIKE
THIS...





RAAAAAH!



I--I CAN
HEAR THE
THEME
SONG
IN MY
HEAD!

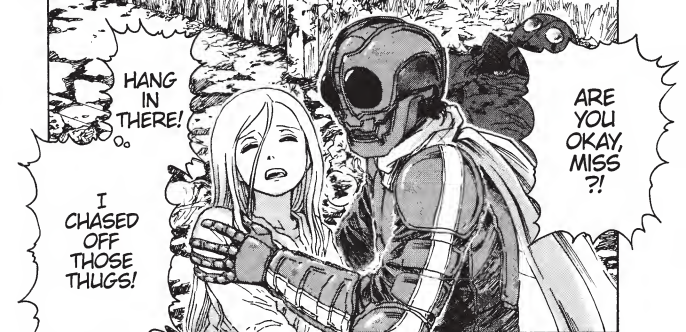
THIS IS IT!!

THIS!

GANG
OF
THUGS!

BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN!

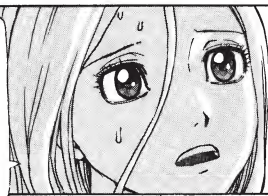
BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN!



HANG
IN
THERE!

ARE
YOU
OKAY,
MISS
?!

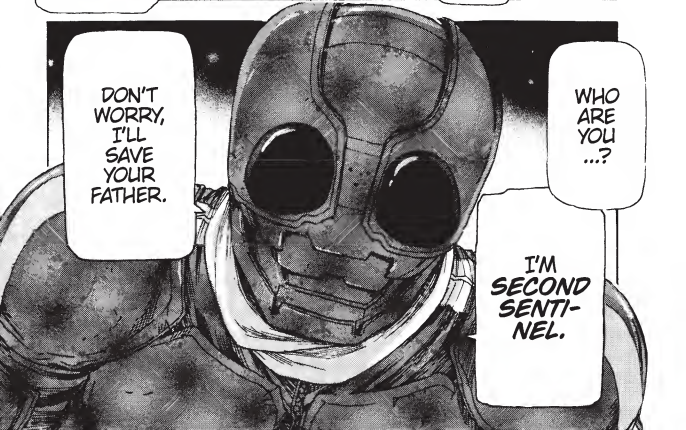
I
CHASED
OFF
THOSE
THUGS!



THEY
KIDNAPPED
MY FATHER
AND THEY'RE
TRYING TO
FORCE HIM
TO HELP
THEM.

THAT
GANG...
THEY'RE
PLOTING
TO
DESTROY
THE
WORLD.

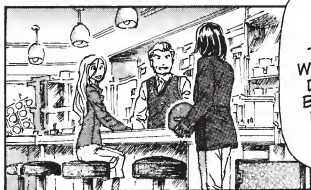
THEY'RE
CALLED
BLACK
LOTUS.



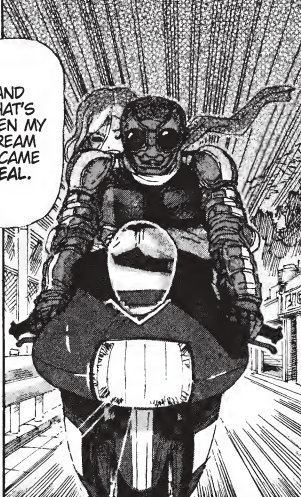
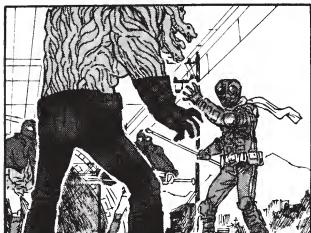
DON'T
WORRY,
I'LL
SAVE
YOUR
FATHER.

WHO
ARE
YOU
...?

I'M
SECOND
SENTI-
NEL.



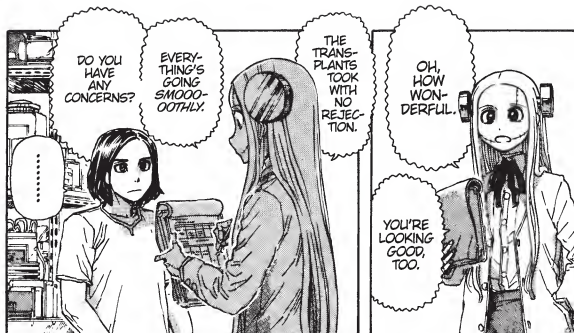
AND THAT'S WHEN MY DREAM BECAME REAL.



LIGHT-
NING
KIII-
ICK!!

SPLUT

SENTI-
NEL!



THERE'S
PLENTY OF
WAYS FOR
NOBLE
INTENTIONS
TO GET
TWISTED.



WELL,
TECH-
NOLOGY
IS ABOUT
HOW IT'S
USED,
ISN'T
IT??

WHAT
IF YOU
INFILTRATED
THIS BLACK
LOTUS?
CONFRONTED
THEIR
LEADER?

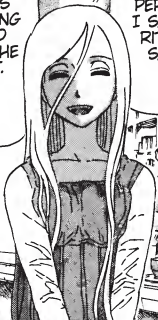
GOOD
IDEA.

I THINK
YOU'LL
HAVE TO
TAKE THIS
TO THE
SOURCE.

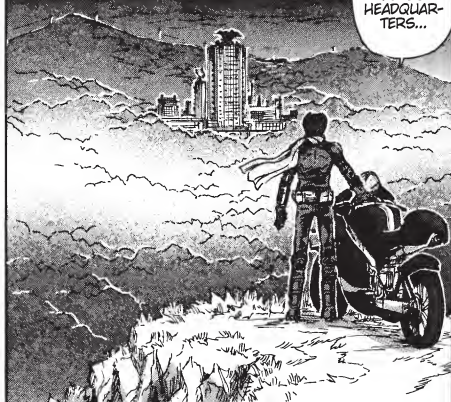
HER
FATHER'S
DEVELOPING
TECH TO
GREEN THE
DESERT.

THE
FIRST
PERSON
I SAVED,
RITSU-
SAN.

WHY
ON EARTH
WOULD
AN EVIL
GROUP
WANT TO
DO THAT?

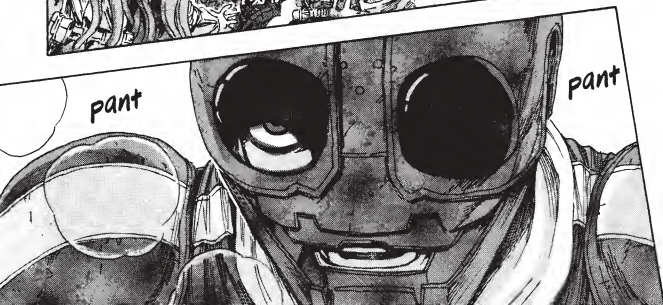
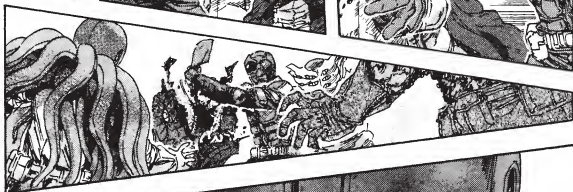
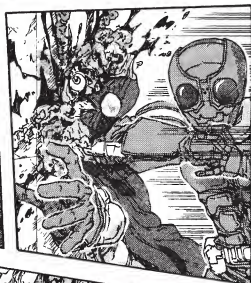
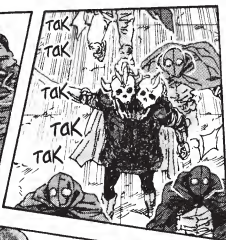
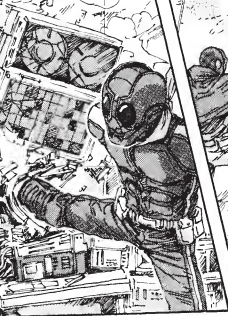


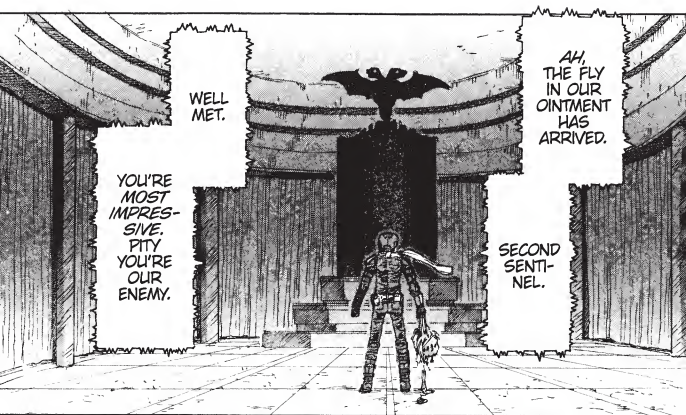
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE



SO,
THAT'S
BLACK
LOTUS
HEADQUAR-
TERS...





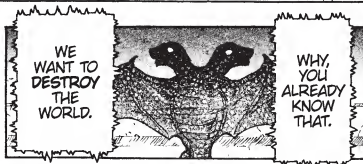


WELL
MET.

YOU'RE
MOST
IMPRES-
SIVE.
PITY
YOU'RE
OUR
ENEMY.

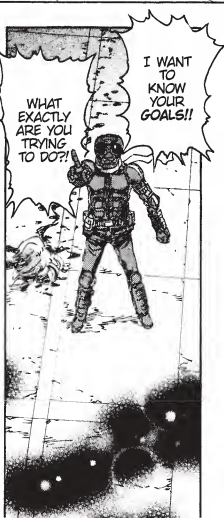
AH,
THE FLY
IN OUR
OINTMENT
HAS
ARRIVED.

SECOND
SENTI-
NEL.



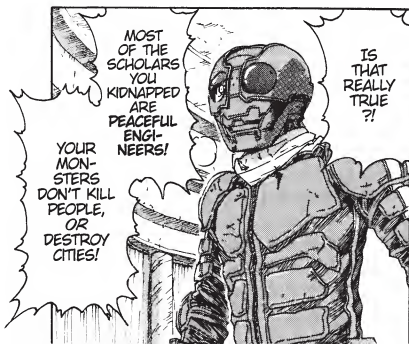
WE
WANT
TO
DESTROY
THE
WORLD.

WHY,
YOU
ALREADY
KNOW
THAT.



WHAT
EXACTLY
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO DO?!

I WANT
TO
KNOW
YOUR
GOALS!!



MOST
OF THE
SCHOLARS
YOU
KIDNAPPED
ARE
PEACEFUL
ENGINEERS!

IS
THAT
REALLY
TRUE
?!

YOUR
MON-
STERS
DON'T KILL
PEOPLE,
OR
DESTROY
CITIES!

AND
BUILD
THRIVING
COMMUNI-
TIES.

SUPPORT
DEVELOP-
ING COUN-
TRIES...

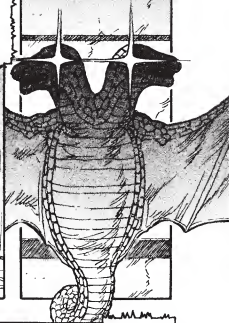
PROTECT
THE ENVIRON-
MENT.

WHAT
WE DO
IS END
WARS.

Flash
Flash

WE'VE
DISTRIBUTED
FREE
MEDICATION.

WH
...?

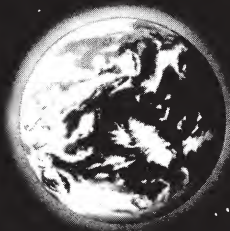


ENABLED
THE ELDERLY
TO LIVE OUT
THEIR FINAL
YEARS IN
PEACE AND
COMFORT.

ENHANCED
SOCIAL
SAFETY
NETS,
AIDED THE
WEAK.

SUP-
PORTED
CHARI-
TIES.

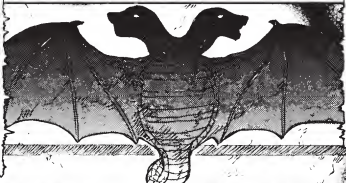
THE
WORLD
IS NOW
HURTLING
TOWARDS
ITS
DOOM.



AND
OUR
EFFORTS
HAVE
BORNE
FRUIT.

...DOES
NOT
NEED TO
DESTROY
THE
WORLD.

BLACK
LOTUS...



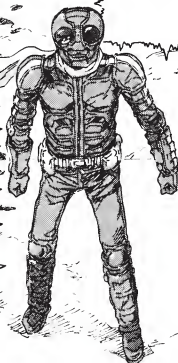
QUITE
SIMPLY,
THEY RUIN
THE
WORLD
FOR US
JUST BY
LIVING.

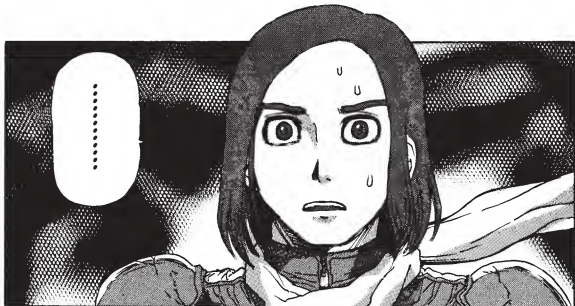
THE MORE
HUMANS
LIVE ON
THIS EARTH,
THE MORE
THEY FIGHT,
DESTROY,
SPREAD
THEIR
POISON.

HUMANS
WILL
DO THAT
FOR
US.

HELP
THEM
HAVE
MORE
CHILDREN,
HELP THE
ELDERLY
LIVE
LONGER...

ALL WE
HAVE
TO DO IS
HELP THE
HUMAN
POPULATION
SWELL.





ALL WE
HAVE TO
DO IS
NURTURE
IT.

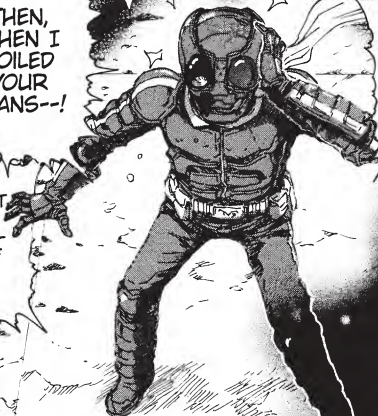
HUMAN
BEINGS
ARE A
DISEASE
RAVAGING
THIS
PLANET.

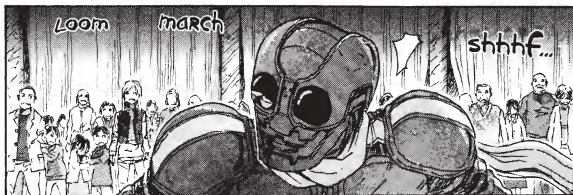
THEN,
WHEN I
FOILED
YOUR
PLANS--!

THAT'S...
INSANE
...!

WHAT
IS
JUS-
TICE
?!

WHAT
IS
EVIL
?!





ALL
SO
VALIANT.

THE
WARRIORS,
THE
MON-
STERS...

THESE
ARE
THE
FAMILIES
OF ALL THE
PEOPLE
YOU'VE
KILLED.

DON'T
THROW
AWAY
YOUR
FUTURE
OVER
SOME-
THING
SO
PETTY.

YOU
MUST
BE
RATIO-
NAL.

NO,
NO...

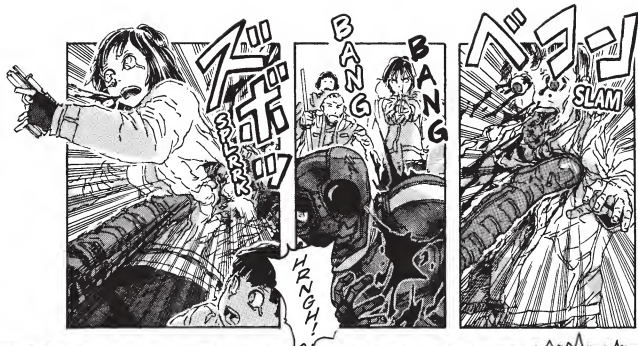
PLEASE
LET ME
CHIEF!
TAKE
RE-
VENGE!

FATHER!

Hngaaaah!

STOP
--!

FOR
MY
BELOVED
BROTHER!

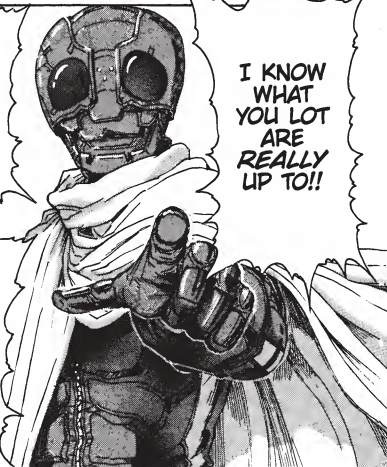


VIOLENCE
ISN'T
THE
ANSWER!

STOP!
ALL OF
YOU,
STOP
THIS!

NOTHING
CAN
COME
FROM
FIGHTING!

LOVE AND
FRIEND-
SHIP
ARE THE
TRUE
WAY...!





HM-
MM.

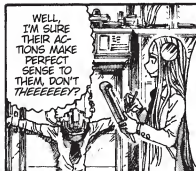
WE'RE
HERE
AT THE
SCENE,
WHERE
THE FIRE
RAGES
ON.

THE
NUMBER
OF
WOUN-
DED...

Terrorists Strike
African Aid Group



HERE'S
AN UPDATE
ON THIS
AFTER-
NOON'S
TERRORIST
ATTACK.



WELL,
I'M SURE
THEIR AC-
TIONS MAKE
PERFECT
SENSE TO
THEM. DON'T
THEEEEEEE?

YEEEEEEEEEN

THEY'RE
HITTING
CHARITABLE
GROUPS,
HOSPITALS,
AND RESEARCH
INSTITUTES.
AND THEY
NEVER
MAKE ANY
DEMANDS.

THERE'S
SOMETHING
FREAKY
ABOUT THIS
RECENT
BUNCH OF
TERRORIST
ATTACKS.



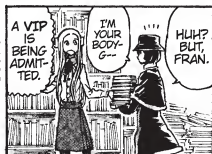
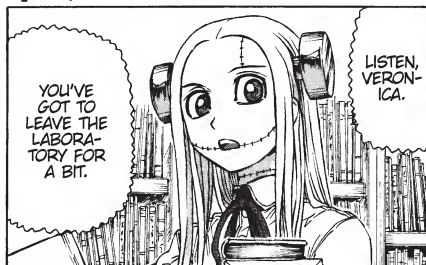
I
DUNNO.



APPARENTLY,
HE'S
TRAVELING
ALL OVER
THE WORLD,
FIGHTING
THAT EVIL
ORGANIZATION
HE FOUND.

I'M SURE
HE'S DOING
WHAT HE
CAN TO
FIGHT
THOSE
TERRORISTS,
TOO.

OH, THAT
REMINDS
ME.
I GOT A
LETTER
FROM
JUMONJI-
SAN.



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OKAY,
GOOD
LUCK,
VERON-
ICA!

AND,
YOU KNOW,
THEY
SAY THE
PLACE IS
HAUNTED.

A GIRLS'
PRIVATE
BOARDING
SCHOOL
ESTABLISHED
AT THE
BEGINNING
OF THE
SHOWA ERA.

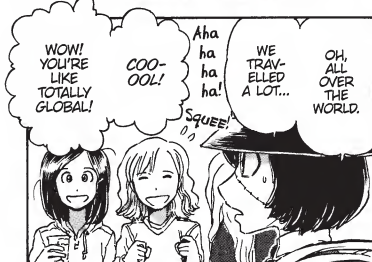
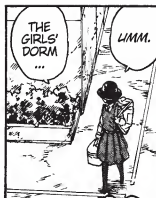
WHITE
THISTLE
ACADEMY.

BING-
BOONG

I'M
SO
BAD
AT
THIS...
...
BEING
IN
PLACES...

WITH
MONSTERS
AND...
LOTS OF
PEOPLE.





EASY FOR
SOMEONE
TO HIDE
HERE. NO
WONDER THE
STUDENTS
ARE SO HIGH
STRUNG.

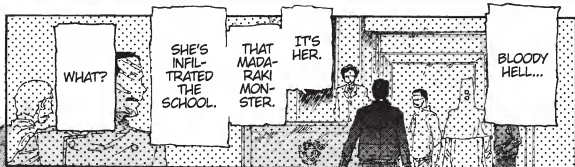
LOT OF
DEAD
ZONES
WHERE
LIGHT
DOESN'T
REACH.



WE'RE
HAVING
A PAJAMA
PARTY.

OKAY,
WE'LL
CHANGE
AND
COME
OVER
LATER.

UH,
SURE.
GOT
IT.



WHAT?

SHE'S
INFIL-
TRATED
THE
SCHOOL.

THAT
MADA-
RAKI
MON-
STER.

IT'S
HER.

BLOODY
HELL...



BA-WHAM

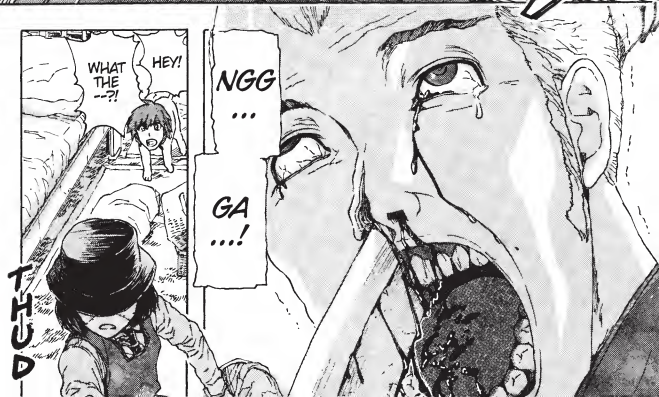


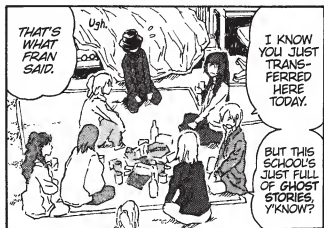
chak
KLOTTER



YEAH,
SO YOU
NEED
TO HIDE.

SO,
THEY'RE
GONNA
COME
HANG
OUT
HERE?







THE
SCHOOL'S
FULL OF
BIG, OLD
BUILDINGS.

I MEAN,
THERE'S
EVEN
SECTIONS
NO ONE'S
ALLOWED
TO GO
INTO...

BUT SHE
REFUSED TO
COME INSIDE,
AND SHE
JUST TURNED
RIGHT
AROUND AND
LEFT.

THIS ONE
TIME, A
PSYCHIC
CAME
HERE FOR
A TV
SHOW.



AND IT'S
NOT LIKE
THEY DO
ANYTHING.
THEY JUST
WANDER
AROUND THE
SCHOOL.

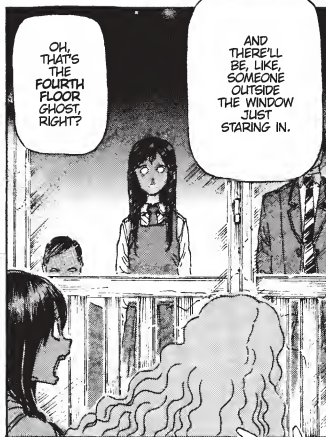
A LONG
TIME AGO,
THERE
WAS THIS
COUPLE WHO
COMMITTED
SUICIDE
TOGETHER.

OH,
THAT'S
THE
FOURTH
FLOOR
GHOST,
RIGHT?

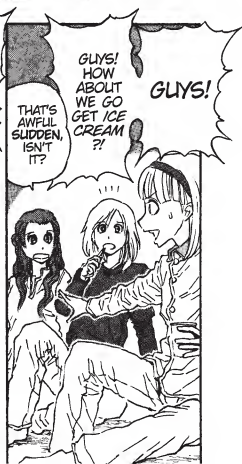
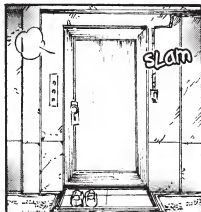
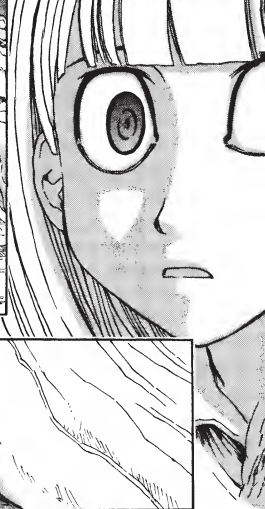
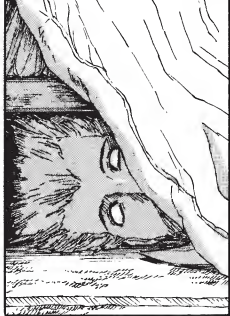
AND
THERE'LL
BE, LIKE,
SOMEONE
OUTSIDE
THE WINDOW
JUST
STARING IN.

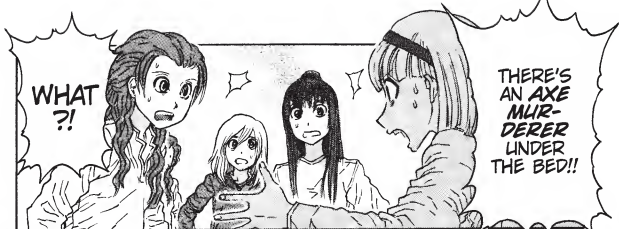
APPAR-
ENTLY,
ANYONE
CAN SEE
THEM.

BUT
THEN THEY
JUST
DISAPPEAR.
POOF!









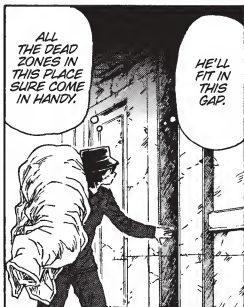
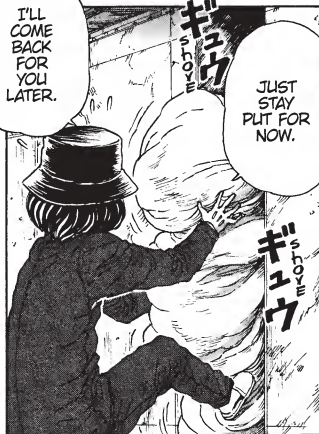
I'LL
COME
BACK
FOR
YOU
LATER.

JUST
STAY
PUT FOR
NOW.



ALL
THE DEAD
ZONES IN
THIS PLACE
SURE COME
IN HANDY.

HE'LL
FIT IN
THIS
GAP.



IF
ONLY
ADOREA
WAS
HERE!

NGAAH!

rub
rub
rub
rub

AT
LEAST
COVER
IT UP!!



BLOOD
TRAIL!
BLOOD
TRAIL!

OI,
VERONI-
CA!

GAAH!

I'D BETTER
GET BACK
TO MY
ROOM FOR
A MINUTE
AT LEAST!

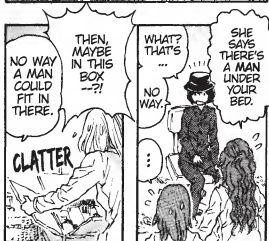
I NEED
MORE
RAGS!
GO FIND
SOME!

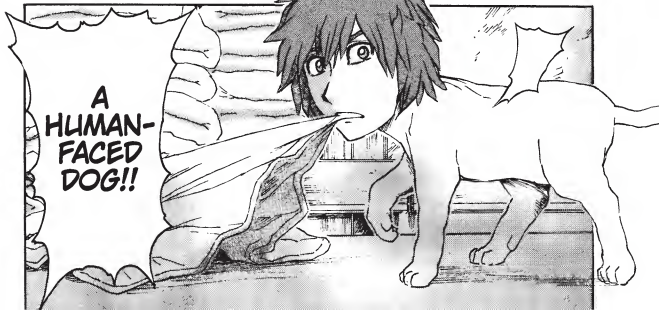
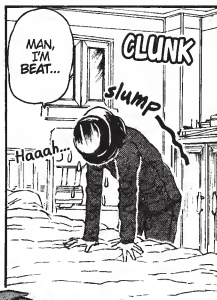
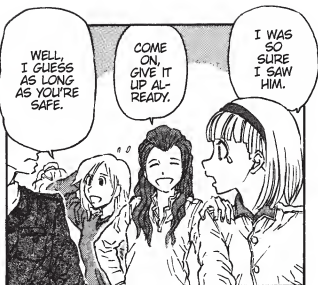
ON
IT!

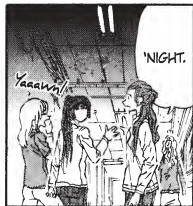
SHE
WOULD'VE
CLEANED
THIS UP
NICELY.

slurp
slurp
slurp



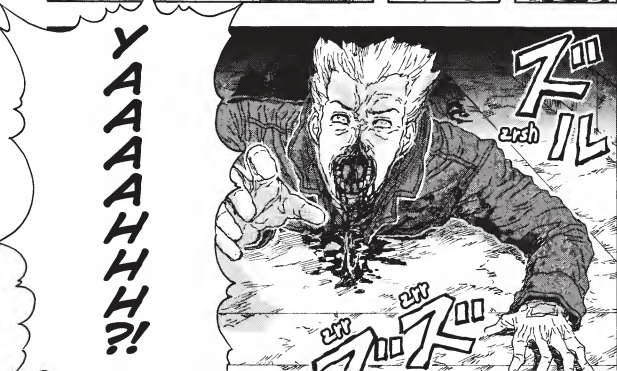
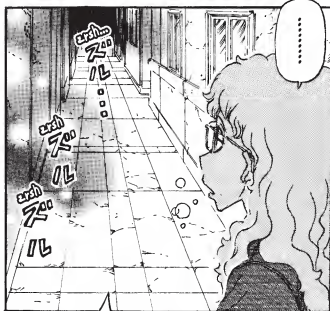
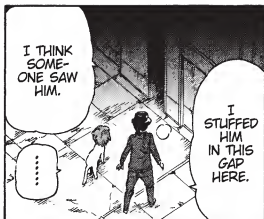


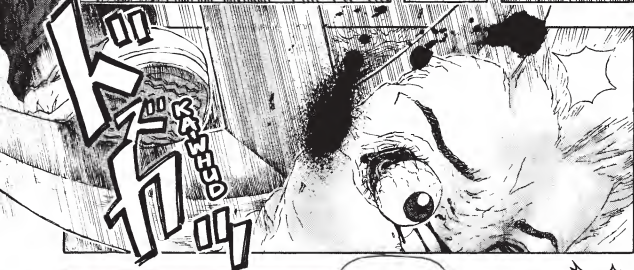




I MEAN--
IT FEELS LIKE SOMEONE'S WATCHING US.

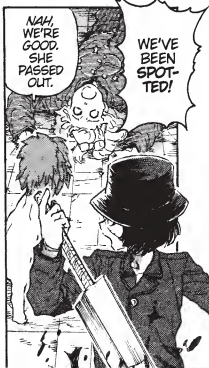






HOW
IS
THAT
EVEN
...?

THIS
GUY...
HIS
TORSO
RAN
AWAY.



NAH,
WE'RE
GOOD.
SHE
PASSED
OUT.

WE'VE
BEEN
SPOT-
TED!



WE USE 'EM
IN THE
LAB.

REGEN-
ERATIVE
CELLS.



BUT THEN
HER TECH
GETS
SENT OUT
AND USED
ALL HALF-
ASSED
AND WE
GET CRAP
LIKE THIS.

SHE
DOES
HER
SURGERY
WITH THE
BEST
INTEN-
TIONS.

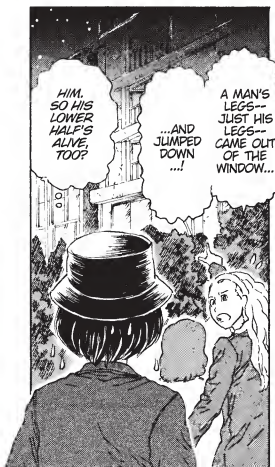
FRAN
MEANS
WELL.

WE'VE
SEEN
THIS
BEFORE,
HAVEN'T
WE?



OKAY,
SETTLE
DOWN.

DAMMIT,
FRAN
...!



HIM.
SO HIS
LOWER
HALF'S
ALIVE,
TOO?

...AND
JUMPED
DOWN
...!

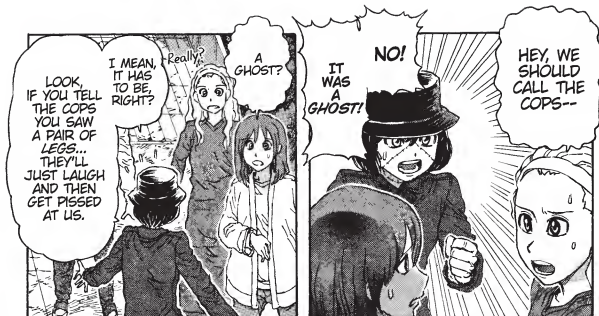
A MAN'S
LEGS--
JUST HIS
LEGS--
CAME OUT
OF THE
WINDOW...



WHAT'S
WRONG
?!?



AN-
OTHER
SCREAM
...?!?



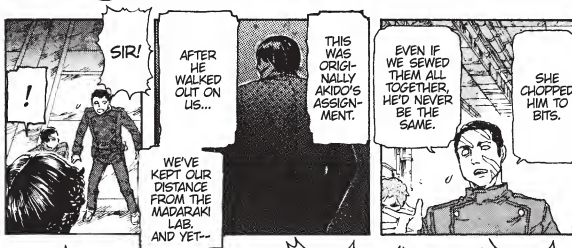




BUT THE
MADARAKI
MONSTER'S
WEAKNESS
IS SUPPOSED
TO BE RE-
GENERATION.

PUMA'S
BEEN
WHACKED
?

WHAT
?!



SIR!

AFTER
HE
WALKED
OUT ON
US...

THIS
WAS
ORIGI-
NALLY
AKIDO'S
ASSIGN-
MENT.

EVEN IF
WE SEWED
THEM ALL
TOGETHER,
HE'D NEVER
BE THE
SAME.

SHE
CHOPPED
HIM TO
BITS.

WE'VE
KEPT OUR
DISTANCE
FROM THE
MADARAKI
LAB,
AND YET--



I'LL
JOIN
THEM
MYSELF!

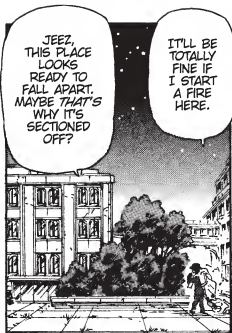
GET THE
ENHANCED
HUMANS
ON THE
FRONT
LINE!

KEEP IT
TOGETHER! ALL
TROOPS
MOBILIZE!

SHE'S
ATTACK-
ING...!

THE
MONSTER
IS APPROACH-
ING THIS
FACILITY!

WHA
--?!



JEEZ,
THIS PLACE
LOOKS
READY TO
FALL APART.
MAYBE THAT'S
WHY IT'S
SECTIONED
OFF?

IT'LL BE
TOTALLY
FINE IF
I START
A FIRE
HERE.



NO
ONE'S
ALLOWED
PAST
THIS
POINT.

OH,
HERE
WE
GO.



drag
drag



chak
chak



I SEE
YOU'VE
FOUND
OUR
**SECRET
JAPANESE
BRANCH
OFFICE!**

WELL,
HELLO
THERE,
MADARAKI
MON-
STER!

SO,
THAT'S
WHAT
THIS
IS...

**YOU'LL
NEVER
LEAVE IT
ALIVE!!**

**NGAH
?!**

KLANK

CRACK

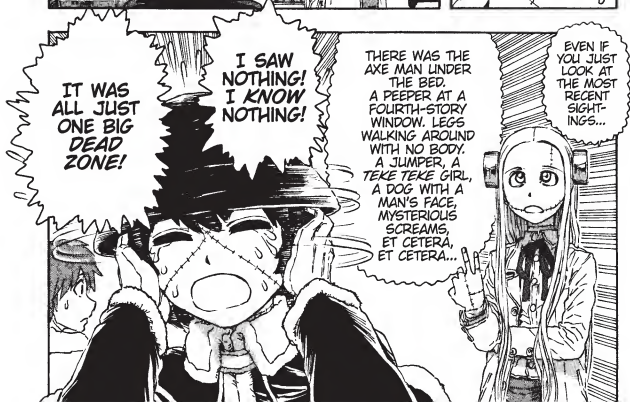
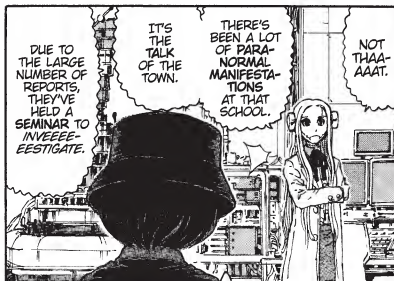
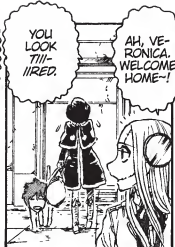
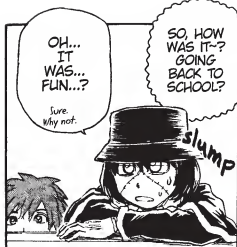
WHAM

WHAM!

STOP
THAT
CREA-
TURE!!

SOME-
BODY
....!!

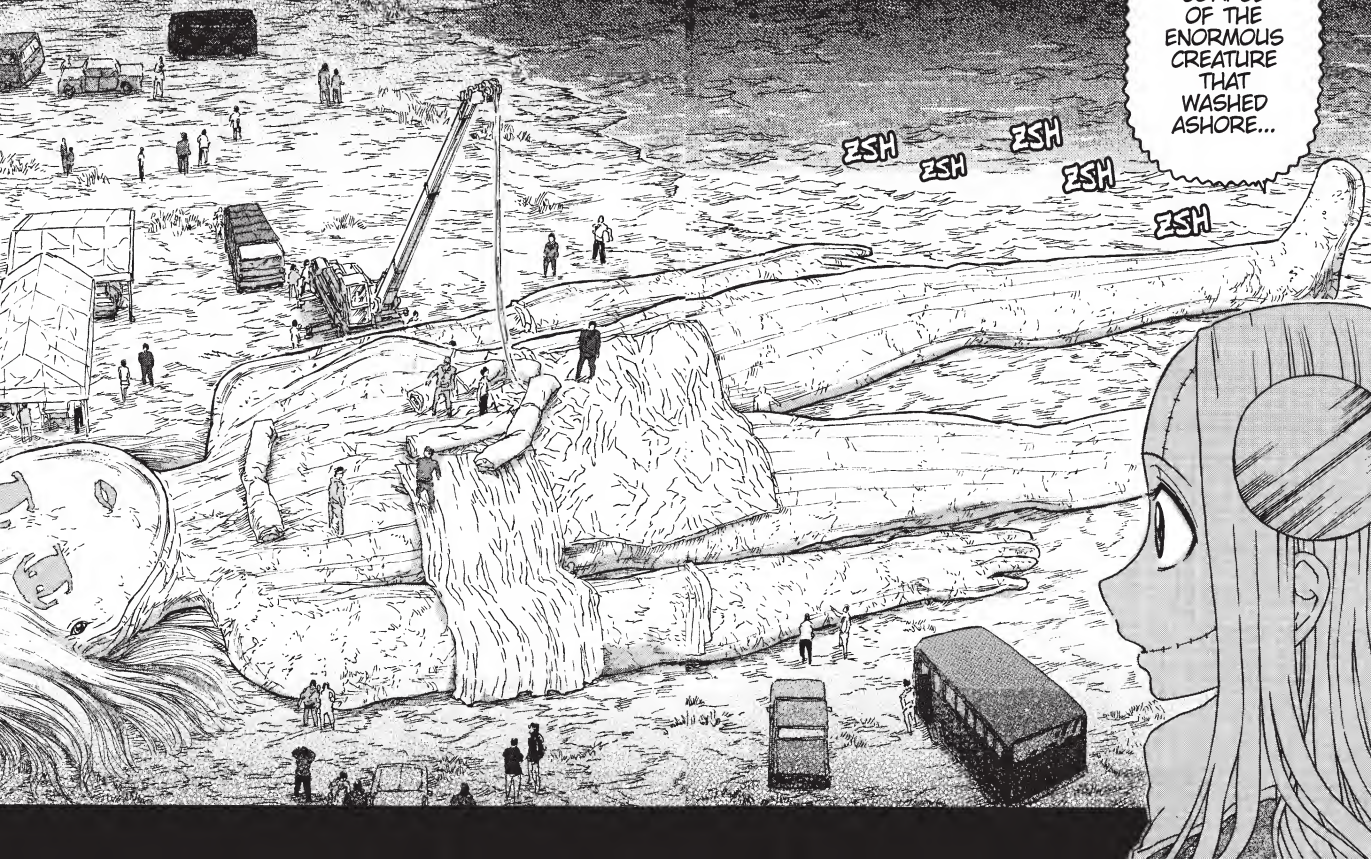


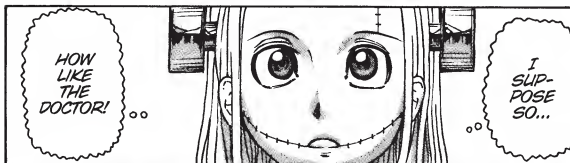
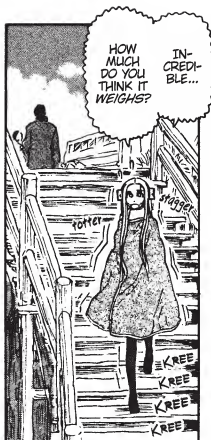
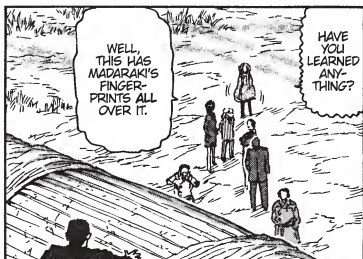


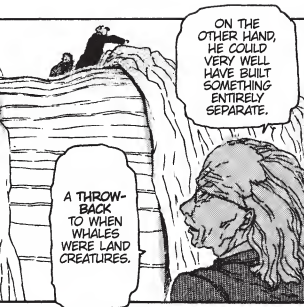


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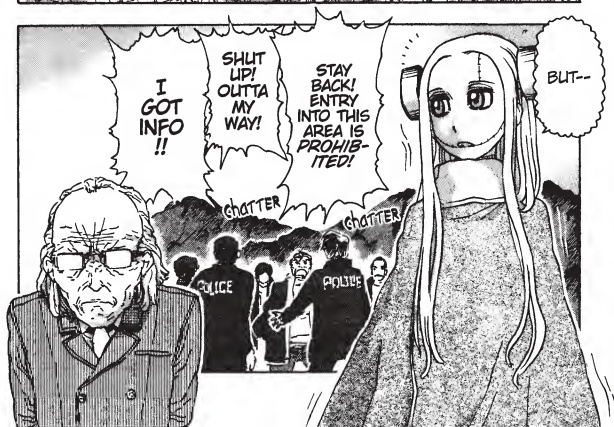
THE
CORPSE
OF THE
ENORMOUS
CREATURE
THAT
WASHED
ASHORE...

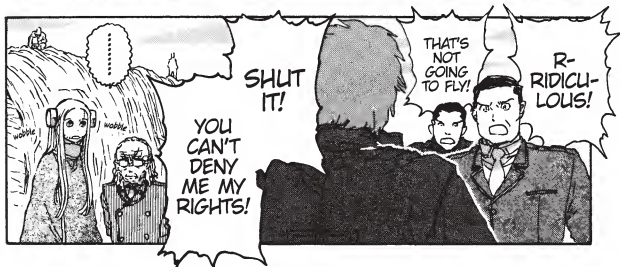
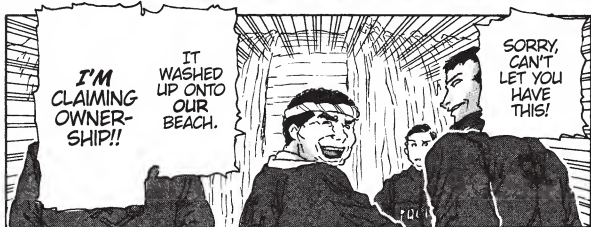






※ See Vol. 3, Episode 17.





THIS
AREA IS
STRICTLY
OFF
LIMITS!!

SHIPS
ARE AP-
PROACH-
ING AS
WELL!

COVER
IT WITH
THE
SHEETS!
HURRY!

WHUK
WHUK
WHUK
WHUK

NEWS
CHOP-
PERS!

WHUK

WHUK

WHO
GAVE
THEM
CLEAR-
ANCE
?!

INDEED

WE'LL NEVER
BE ABLE TO
EXAMINE IT
WITH ALL
THIS FUSS,
WILL WE?

SHRIEK
"Squabble"

WHUK

WHUK

WHUK

WHUK

UNBELIEVABLE!

A GIANT
HAS
WASHED
UP ON
THE
SHORE!!

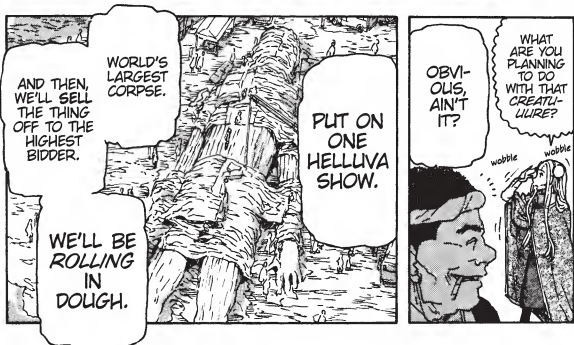
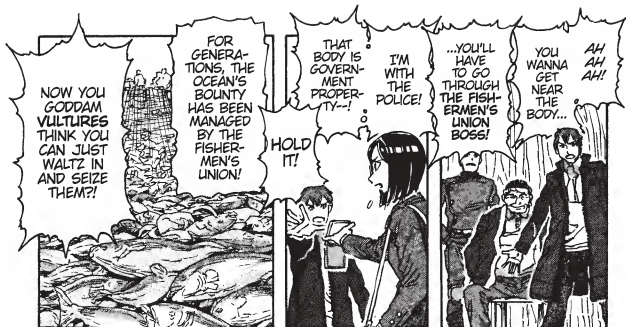
IT'S
HUGE!

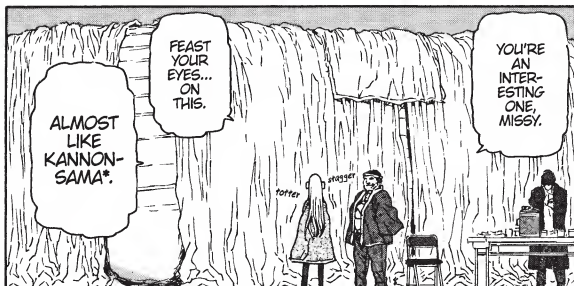
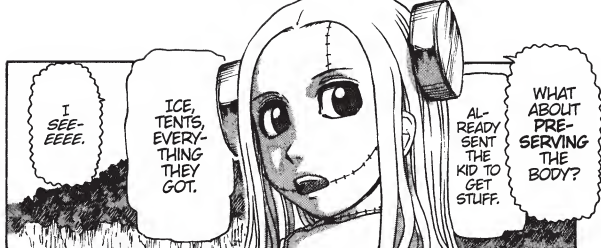
WHUK

WHUK

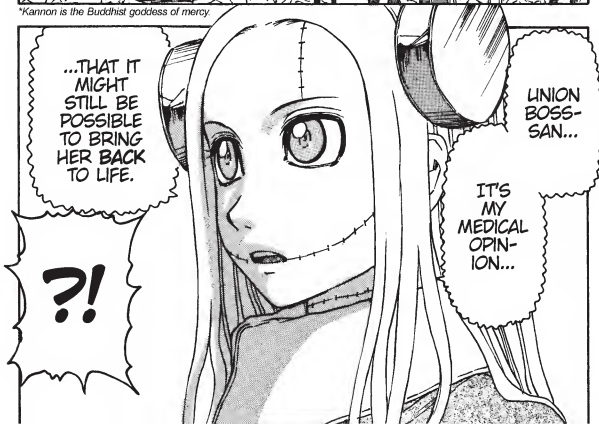
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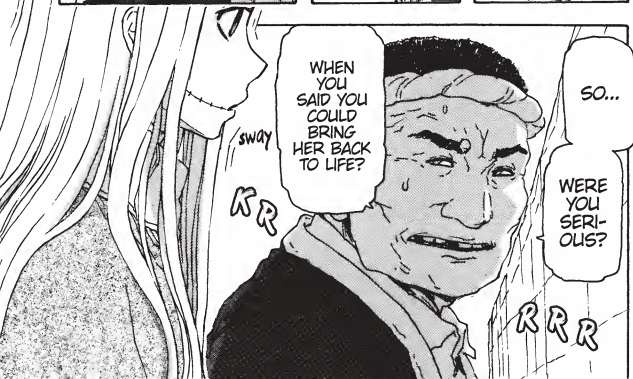
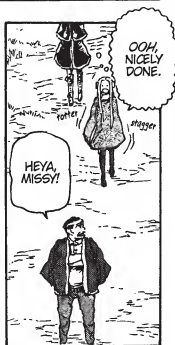
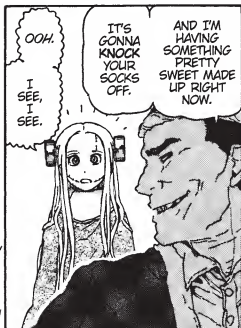
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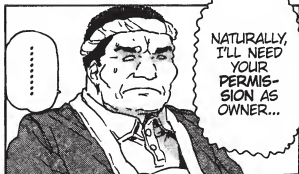




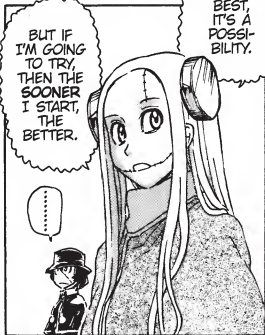
*Kannon is the Buddhist goddess of mercy.







NATURALLY,
I'LL NEED
YOUR
PERMIS-
SION AS
OWNER...



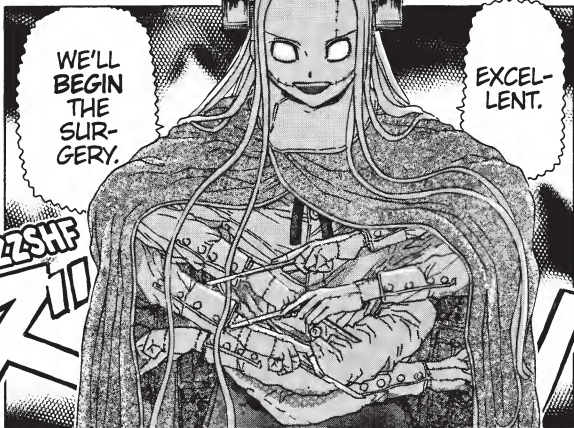
BUT IF
I'M GOING
TO TRY,
THEN THE
SOONER
I START,
THE
BETTER.

AT
BEST,
IT'S A
POSSI-
BILITY.



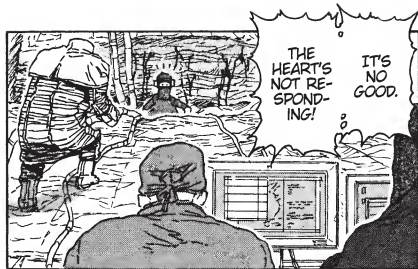
I'LL
TAKE A
CHANCE
ON
YOU.

OKAY,
I GUESS
IT'S ALL
RIGHT.



EXCEL-
LENT.

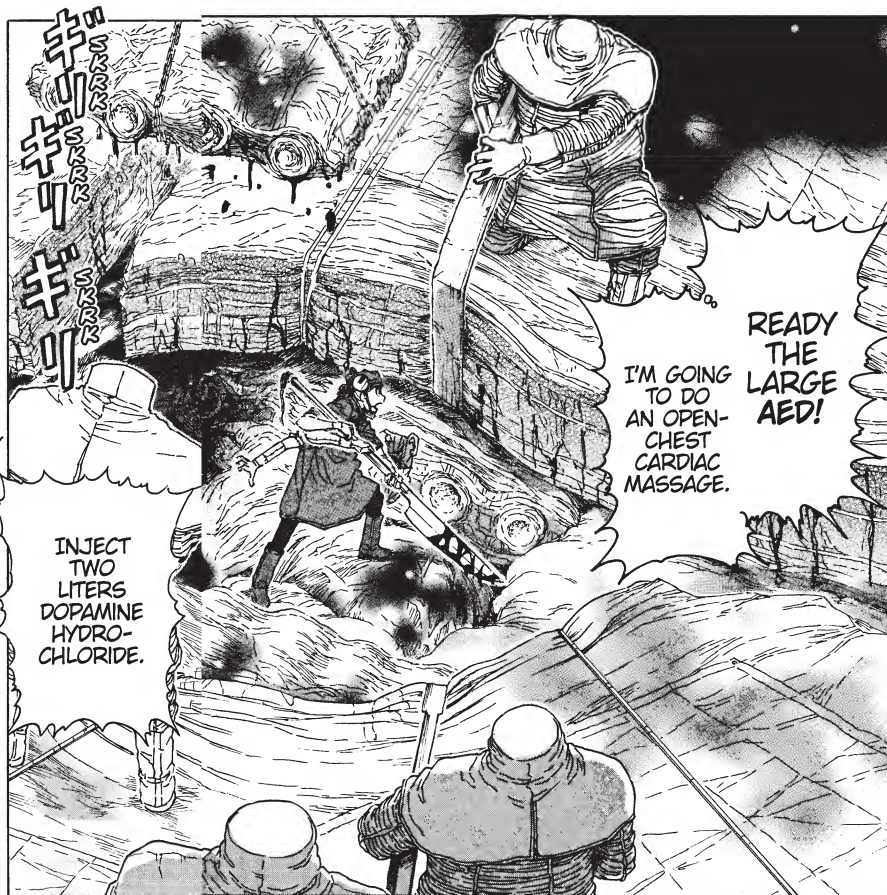
ZZSHF



STAFF, SWITCH OUT FOR THE TRANS-PLANT TEAM!!

PREP FOR TRANS-PLANT SUR-GERY!

NEW PLAN! STOP RESUSCITATING THE HEART!



NOW
IT'S A
RACE
AGAINST
TIME
AND
STAMI-
NA!!

WE'RE
GOING TO
SWITCH
OUT THE
INTERNAL
ORGANS
IN ORDER,
THEN RE-
SUSCITATE!!

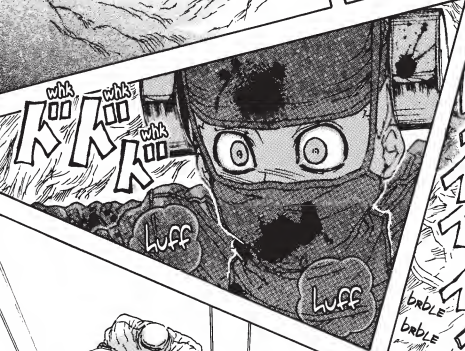
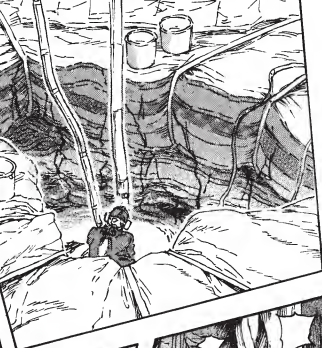
READY
THE
ARTIFI-
CIAL
HEART!

ギリ
SKRK

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SKRK

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THE
OPER-
ATION
WAS A
SUCCESS.

BLOOD
FLOW
EN-
SURED.

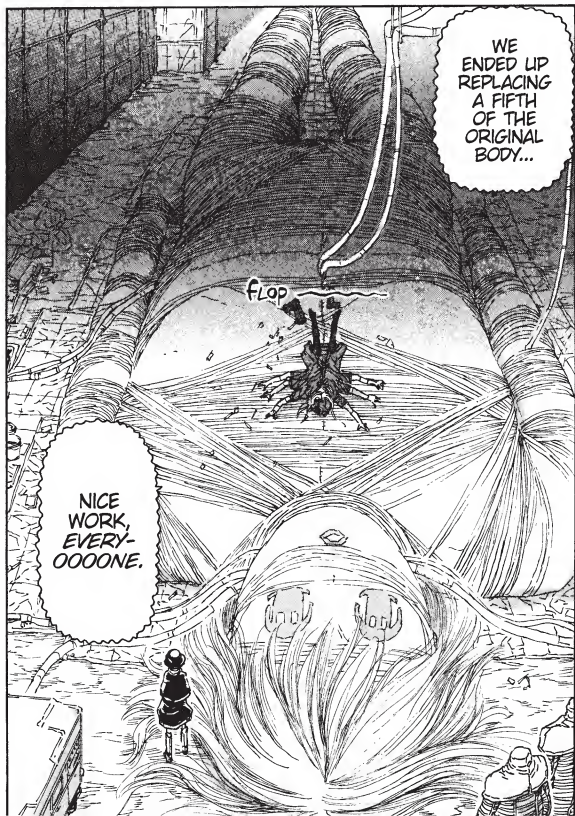
beep beep beep

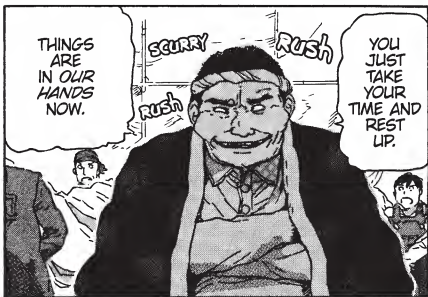
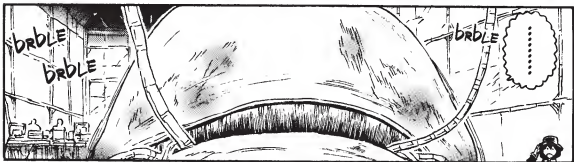
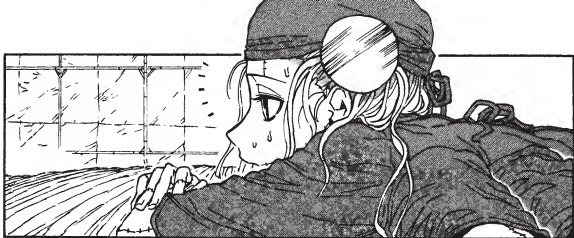
ARTIFICIAL
HEART
FUNC-
TIONING
NORMALLY.

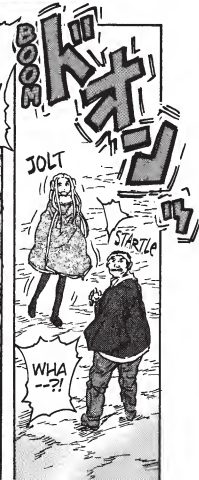
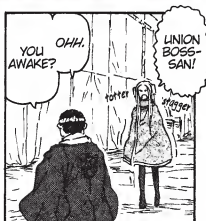
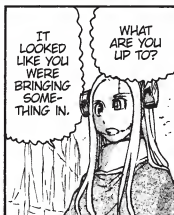
WE
ENDED UP
REPLACING
A FIFTH
OF THE
ORIGINAL
BODY...

flap

NICE
WORK,
EVERY-
OOOONE.







カサカサ

カサカサ

カサカサ

KLAK
KLAK

!!



A
SAILOR
SLUIT.

.....

EVERY-
ONE'S
GONNA
COME
SEE
HER!

YOU
DON'T
THINK
SHE'S
GONNA
SELL?!

2mm
2mm
2mm

2mm
2mm

.....

WHADDYA
THINK?!
WORLD'S
BIGGEST
SCHOOL-
GIRL!



MY
OWN,
REAL
LIVE
KANNON-
SAMA!!

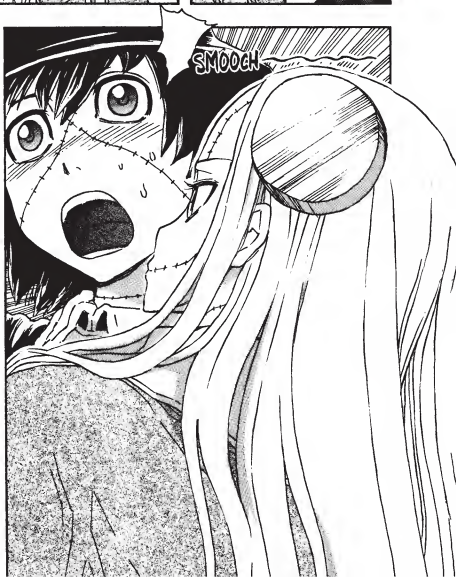
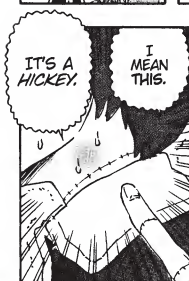
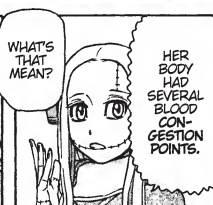
WE CAN
GET A
THOU-
SAND
YEN A
HEAD!

PEOPLE
LOVE
THEM
GIANT
ROBOTS!

WE'LL
TEACH
HER
TRICKS!



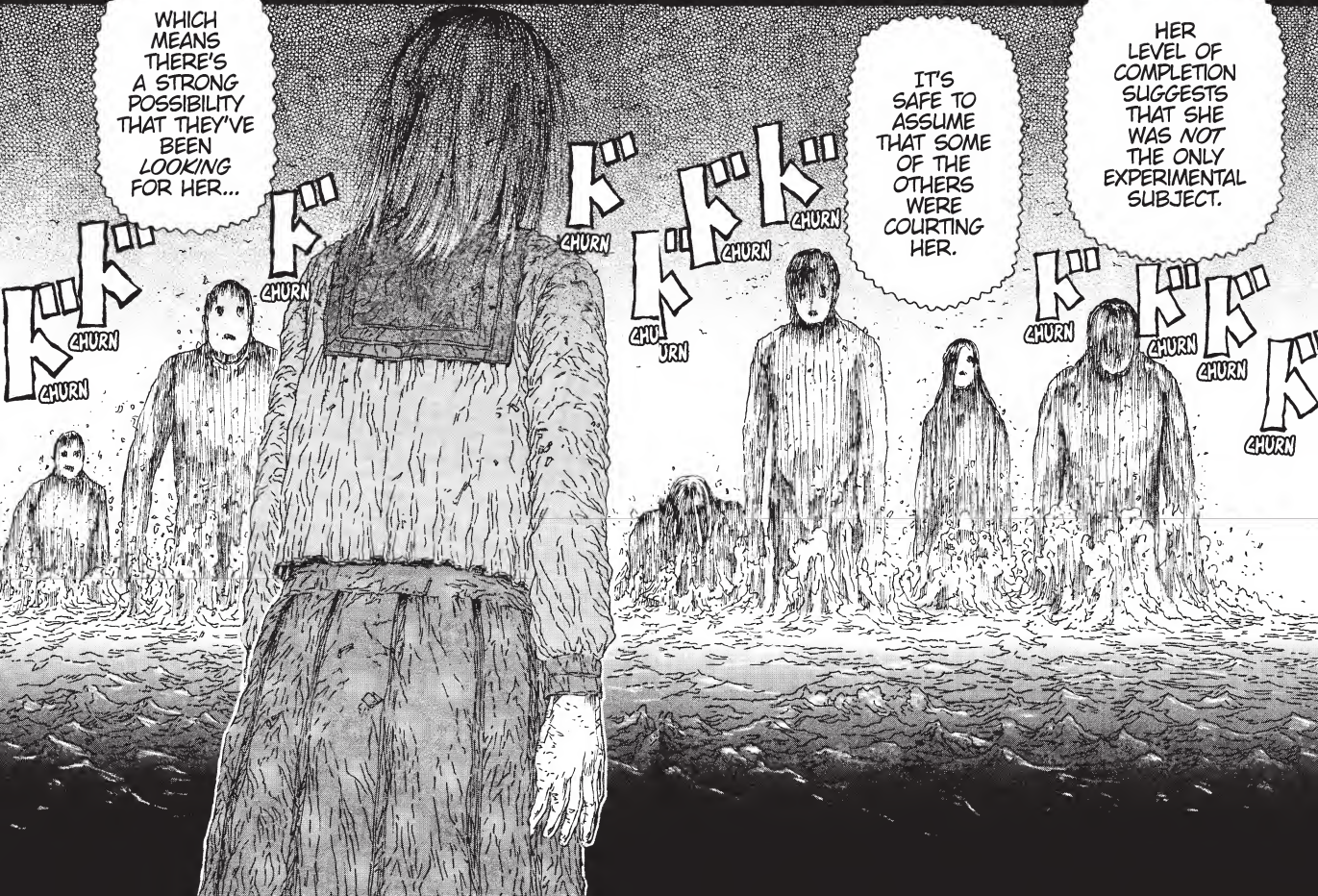
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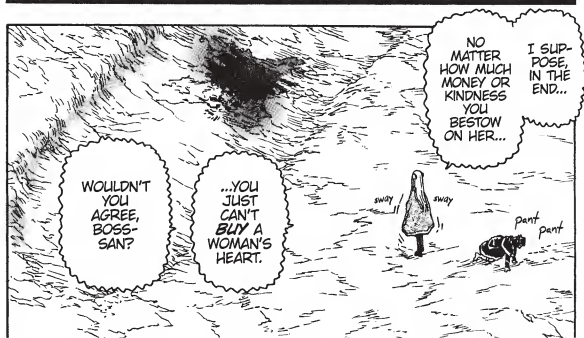
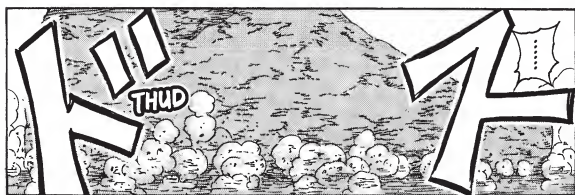
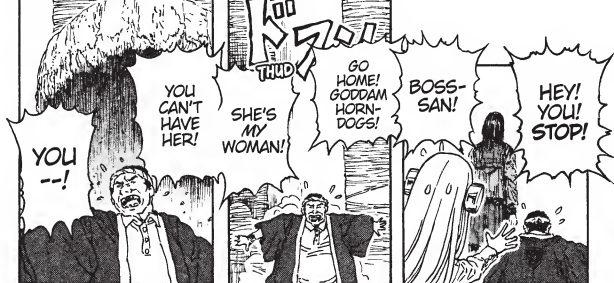


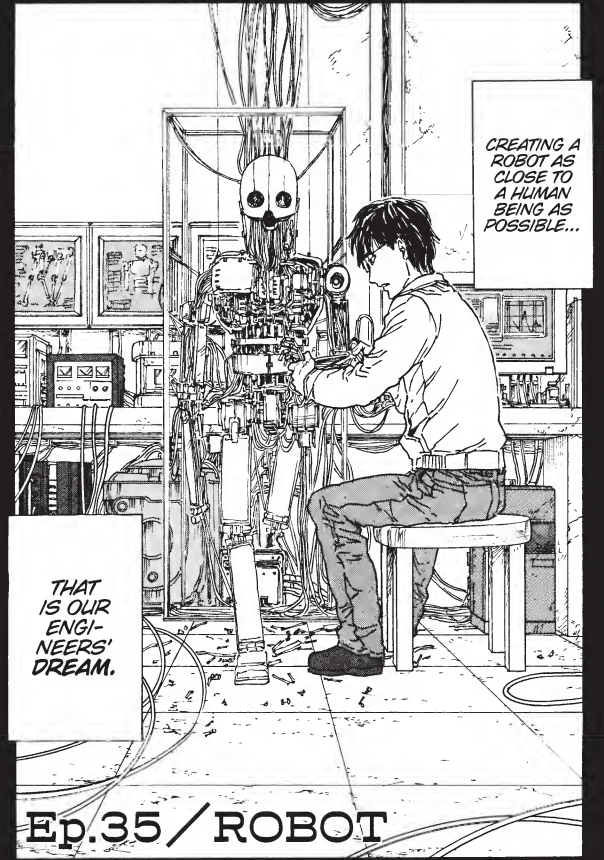
WHICH
MEANS
THERE'S
A STRONG
POSSIBILITY
THAT THEY'VE
BEEN
LOOKING
FOR HER...

IT'S
SAFE TO
ASSUME
THAT SOME
OF THE
OTHERS
WERE
COURTING
HER.

HER
LEVEL OF
COMPLETION
SUGGESTS
THAT SHE
WAS NOT
THE ONLY
EXPERIMENTAL
SUBJECT.



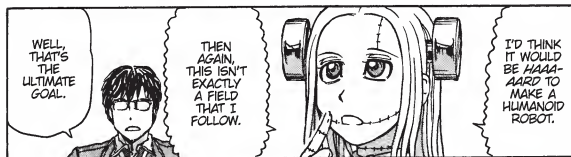
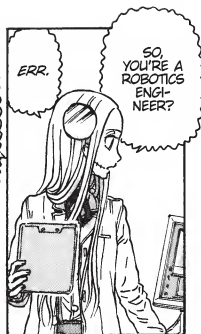


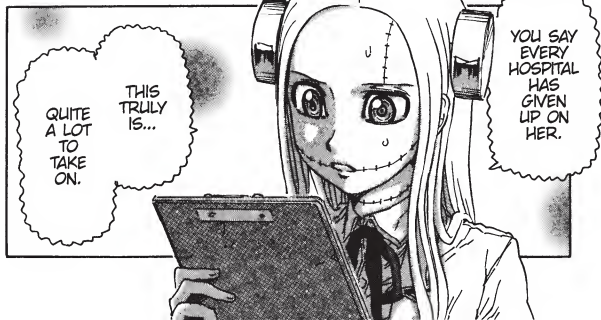


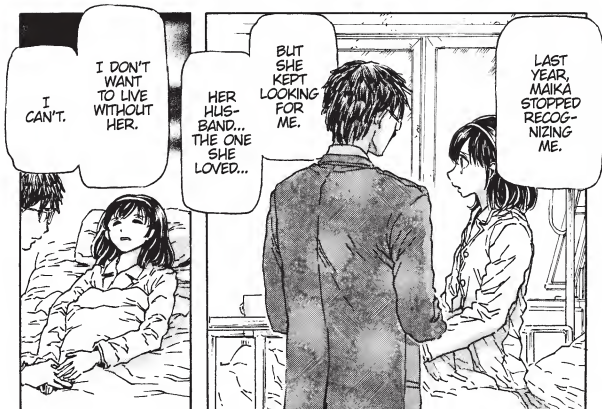
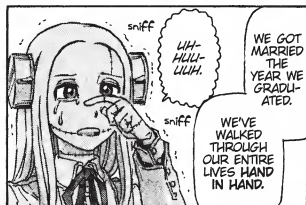
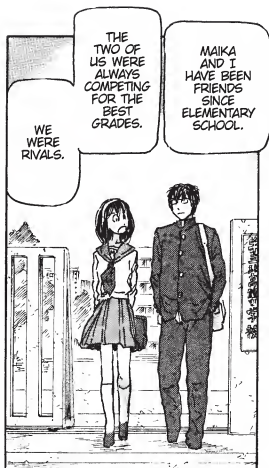
CREATING A
ROBOT AS
CLOSE TO
A HUMAN
BEING AS
POSSIBLE...

THAT
IS OUR
ENGI-
NEERS'
DREAM.

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...INTO
THE
RR-23
PRO-
GRAM.

...WHILE
SHE'S STILL
ALIVE, I
WANT YOU
TO PUT
EVERYTHING
ABOUT
HER...

WHICH
IS
WHY...

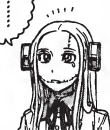
BUT
THEY ALL
LAUGHED
AT ME.
NO ONE
TAKES ME
SERIOUSLY.

I'VE
ASKED
ALL OVER
FOR
HELP...

ONE
WAY OR
ANOTHER,
I WANT
TO BE
WITH HER
AGAIN.

EX-
ACTLY.

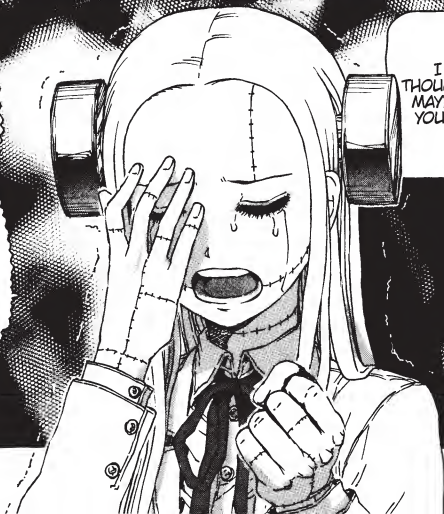
YOU'RE
TRYING TO
TRANSPLANT
HER PER-
SONALITY.

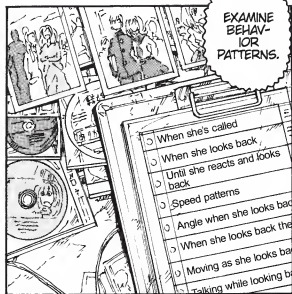


I
UNDER-
STAAAA-
AAAND!

I'LL DO
EVERY-
THING
IN MY
POWER!!

I
THOUGHT
MAYBE
YOU--





PULSE RATE,
REACTION
SPEED,
BLOOD
PRESSURE,
BLOOD
SUGAR, ET
CETERA, ET
CETERA.

HER
MEN-
STRUAL
CYCLE...

IN
ADDITION
TO ALL
THAT, HER
BRAIN
PAT-
TERNS...

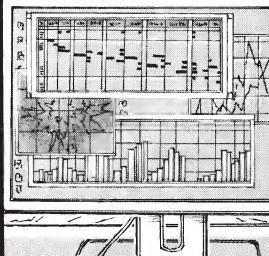
IF WE
CAN
MAKE A
"TEMPLATE"
OF HER
PERSON-
ALITY...

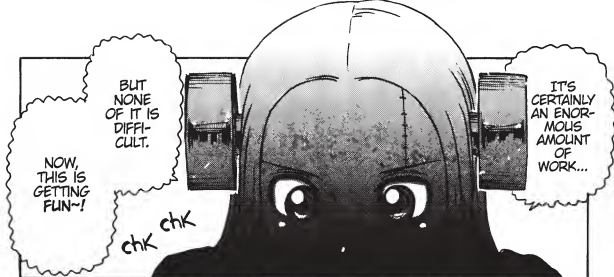
WE'LL
FILL HER
EXTERNAL
FRAMEWORK
WITH THE
RESULTS
OF OUR
INVESTIGA-
TION.

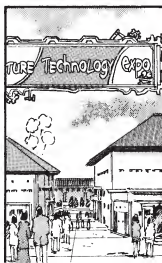
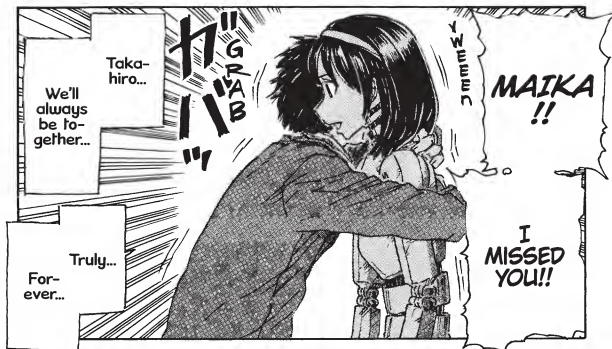
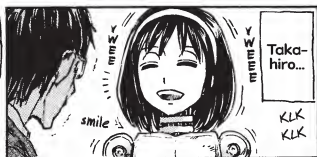
EVEN
IF IT'S
SUPPORTED
BY SERVO
MOTORS AND
CABLES
AND ICs...

THE
PHYSICAL
DATA
BRINGS
THE RR
CLOSER
TO A
LIVING
BODY.

...SHE'LL
BE VERY
MUCH
THE REAL
THING.

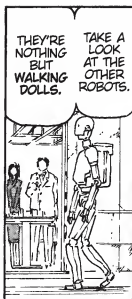


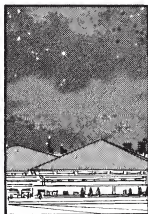


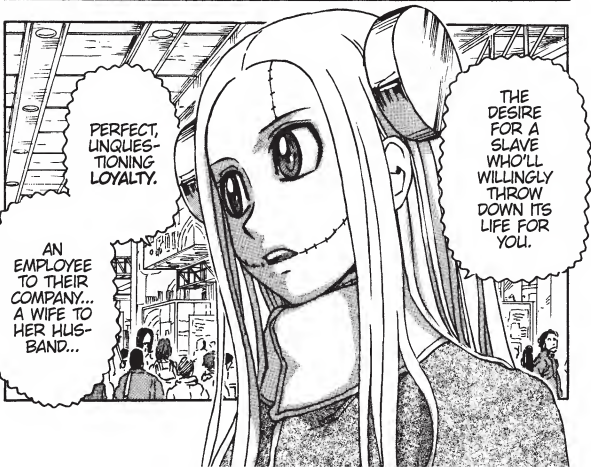
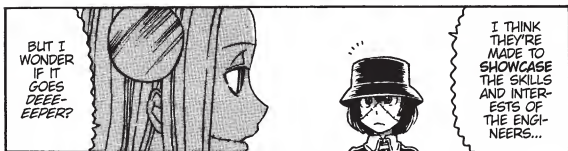
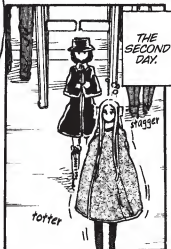




LOOK, RR'S MOVEMENTS ARE SO SUBTLE.

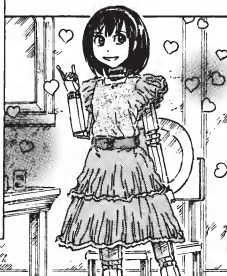






AND
CAN BE
USED
FOR A
VARIETY
OF PUR-
POSES,
THANKS TO
THE MANY
ATTACH-
MENTS.

...CAN
PERFORM
FOR TEN
HOURS
AFTER AN
EIGHT-HOUR
CHARGE
FROM A
STANDARD
HOME
OUTLET...



AVAILABLE
NOW, THE
HOME-LISE
RR-23,
A MULTI-
PURPOSE
HUMAN-
SHAPED
ROBOT...



FOR A
CERTAIN
GROUP
OF FANS,
IT BECAME
A MUST-
HAVE
SEX TOY.

MEAN-
WHILE,
UNDER-
GROUND
MODIFI-
CATIONS
WERE
BEING
MADE.

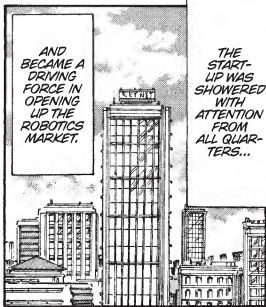


SALES
GRADU-
ALLY IN-
CREASED
UNTIL IT
BECAME
THE
PRODUCT
OF THE
YEAR.

THE
RR-23
WAS
FIRST
USED IN
BUSI-
NESSES
AND CARE
FACILI-
TIES.

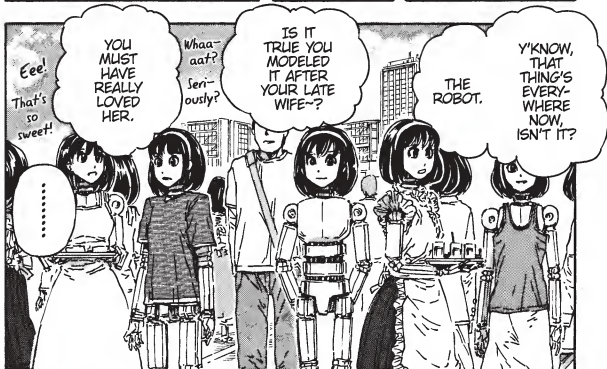
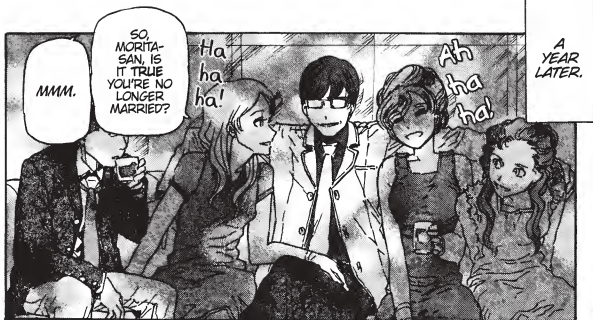


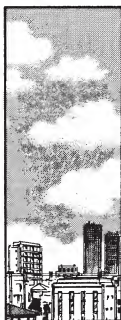
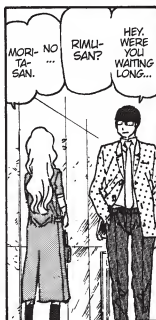
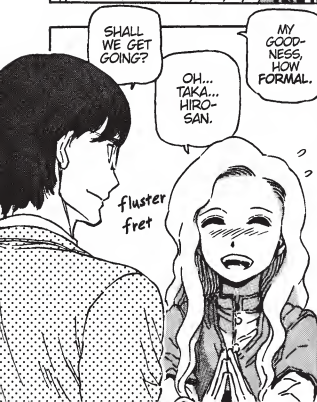
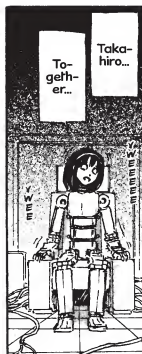
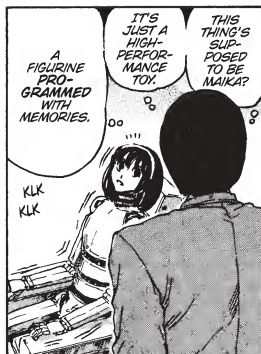
LEAD
DEVELOPER
MORITA
WAS MADE
DIVISION
MANAGER.



AND
BECAME A
DRIVING
FORCE IN
OPENING
UP THE
ROBOTICS
MARKET.

THE
START-
UP WAS
SHOWERED
WITH
ATTENTION
FROM
ALL QUAR-
TERS...



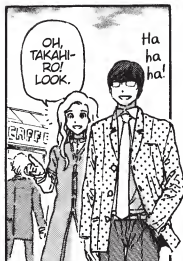




IT'S JUST A TOY.

I'M SICK OF LOOKING AT THAT THING.

AN RR-23?



OH, TAKAHIRO! LOOK.

Ha ha ha!

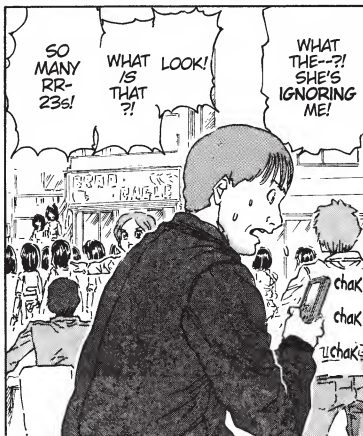


WHERE ARE YOU GOING, MI-CHAN?

HUH? WHAT?

chak chak

K L L K
KEE KEE KEE

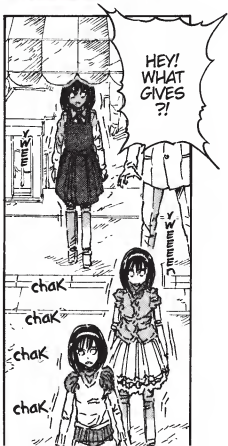


SO MANY RR-23s!

WHAT IS THAT?!

LOOK!

WHAT THE--?! SHE'S IGNORING ME!



HEY! WHAT GIVES?!

chak
chak
chak
chak



WHOA!

KEE
KEE

KEE
KEE
KEE
KEE

WHAT
THE
HELL
?!

chak

chak

chak

chak

chak

BUT
YOU'RE
DEAD
....!

YOU'RE
DEAD
....!

AAAHHH!!
GGH!!

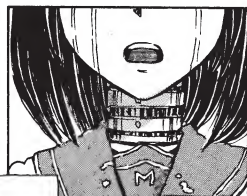
TAKA-
HIRO-
SAN?!

IT
CAN'T
BE!!

MAIKA
...

OH
MY
GOD
....!

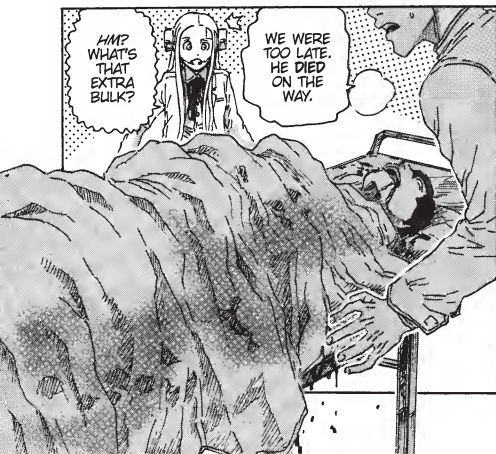
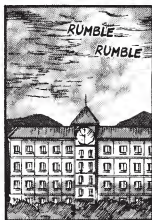
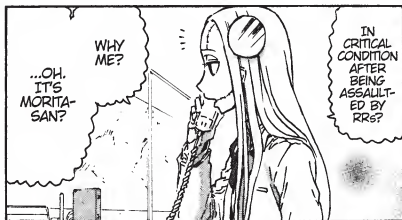
!!



Taka-
hiro...

You
said...
we'd
be to-
gether...

Al-
ways...
to-
gether.





WE
COULDN'T
MANAGE
TO PULL
IT OFF...

IT DUG
INTO
HIM,
THEN
FROZE.

THAT'S
ONE OF
THE RRS
THAT
ATTACKED
HIM.



DO YOU
WANT
TO SAY
SOME-
THING?

Ha...

I...
I...

DO YOU
REMEM-
BER
ME?

MAIKA-
SAN.
IT'S
FRAN.



To-
geth-
er...

Me...

Taka-
hiro...

...for-
ever...

...and
him
togeth-
er...

YES.

.....

RESTORE
FORCIBLY
AND GET
THE LIVE
BODY
STATS!

BEGIN
DISSEC-
TION TO
RECOVER
DATA!

RUSH

BUSTLE

PREPARE
FOR SUR-
GERY!!

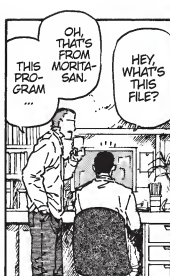
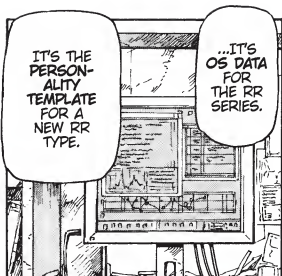
FIX BLOOD
PRESSURE
AT SIXTY-
EIGHT
OVER ONE-
OH-TWO!
HARVEST
PLATELETS!

BEGIN
HEART
RESUSCI-
TATION!

YES!

RESTART
LOWER
BRAIN
STEM,
GATHER
PAT-
TERNS!

MEASURE
TRANS-
MISSION
SPEED
IN ALL
AREAS!



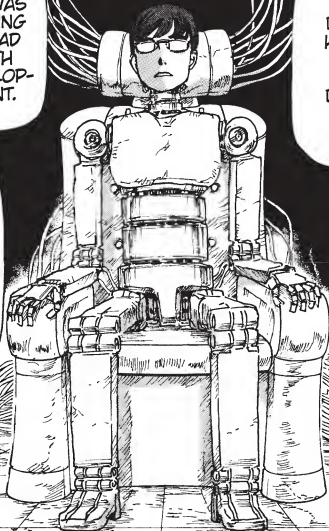
GOOD THING HE DID.

SO, HE WAS MOVING AHEAD WITH DEVELOPMENT.

DIDN'T HE DIE IN AN ACCIDENT?

RR-33 IS MODELED AFTER THE CREATOR HIMSELF, AFTER ALL.

A MALE-TYPE ROBOT.



WE
HAVE
TO FIND
WAYS TO
MOVE
THIS.

YWEEN
chak
chak

AT
LEAST
WE
COVERED
IT UP.

TOO
BAD
ABOUT
MORITA-
KUN.

PRETTY
HAND-
SOME.

I
DUNNO.
IT'S
NICE
ENOUGH.

YWEEN

YWEEN

YWEE



MAYBE
I'M JUST
JADED,
BUT IT
LOOKS
LIKE HE'S
AFRAID
OF HER.

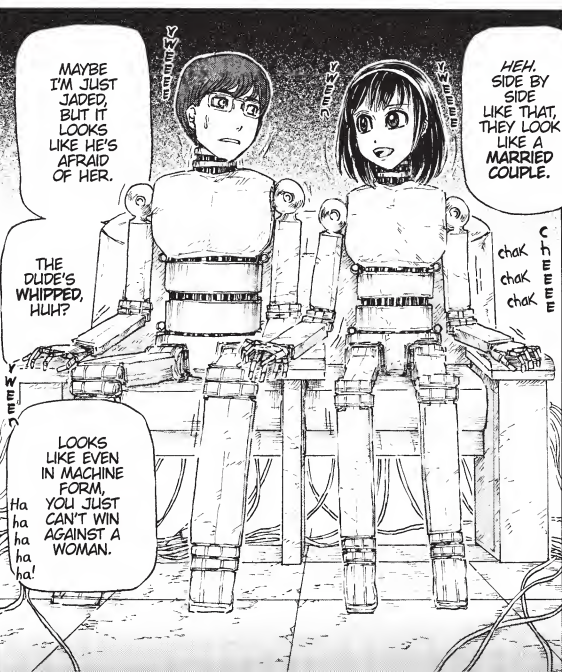
THE
DUDE'S
WHIPPED,
HUH?

LOOKS
LIKE EVEN
IN MACHINE
FORM,
YOU JUST
CAN'T WIN
AGAINST A
WOMAN.

Ha
ha
ha
ha!

HEH.
SIDE BY
SIDE
LIKE THAT,
THEY LOOK
LIKE A
MARRIED
COUPLE.

chak
chak
chak
cheeee



BUT ALL THE GOOD ROLES GO TO THE BIG AGENCIES, AND I CAN'T GET A BREAK.

I WANT TO BE AN ACTOR...

BASICALLY, YOU'RE SAYING THAT CONNECTIONS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN A PERSON'S ACTUAL ABILITY.

wobble

MM-HMM. RIGHT.

wobble

IT'S REALLY COMPETITIVE.

AND THERE'S ONLY SO FAR THIS FACE CAN TAKE ME.

NATURALLY, YOU HAVE TO BE GOOD-LOOKING AS WELL.

I WANT THE CHARISMA OF A SUPER-STAR.

I WANT AN AURA.

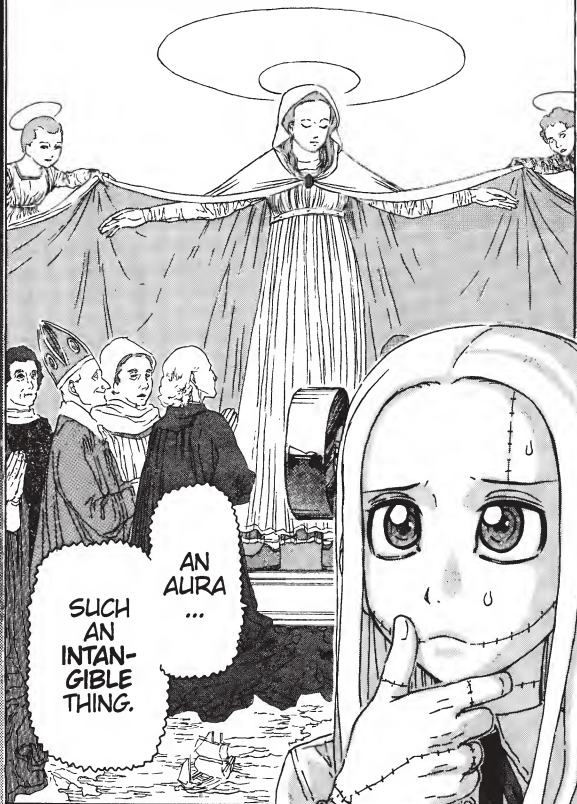
SOME COSMETIC SURGERY?

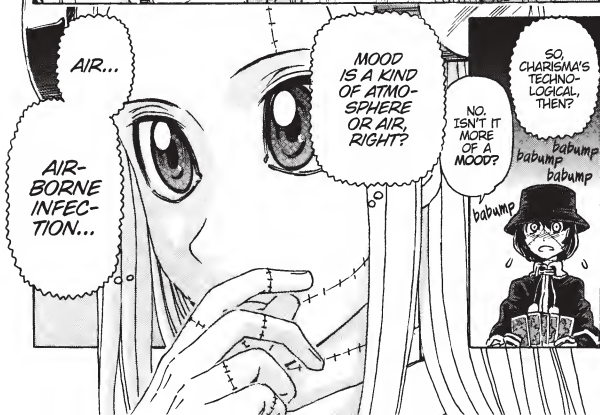
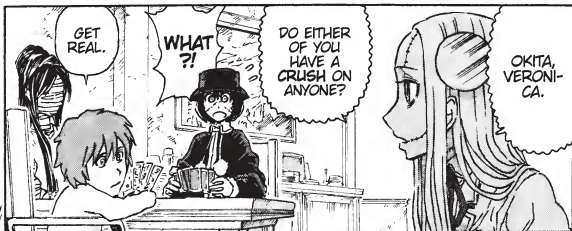
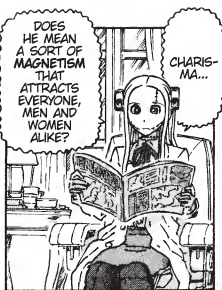
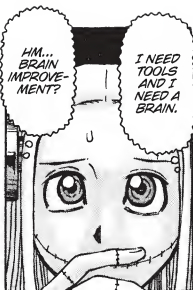
SO, WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT FROM ME?

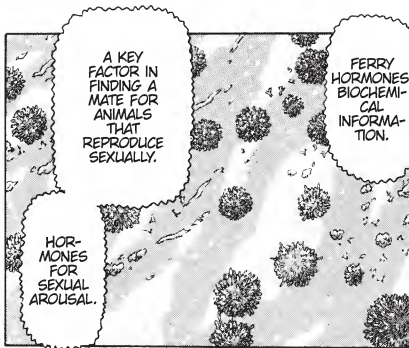
YUKIZAKI TOORLI-SAN?

NO.

Ep.36 / AURA







A KEY
FACTOR IN
FINDING A
MATE FOR
ANIMALS
THAT
REPRODUCE
SEXUALLY.

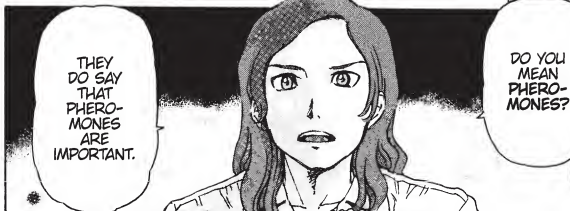
FERRY
HORMONES
BIOCHEMI-
CAL
INFORMATION.

HOR-
MONES
FOR
SEXUAL
AROUSAL.



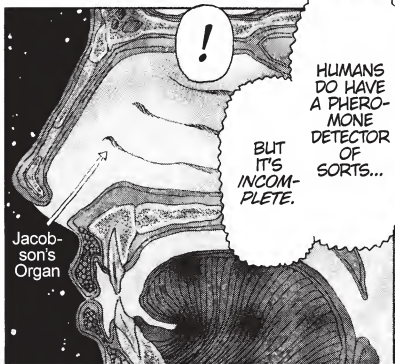
THANKS~!
THIS IS A
HUUUUUUUU
HELP.

I...!



THEY
DO SAY
THAT
PHERO-
MONES
ARE
IMPORTANT.

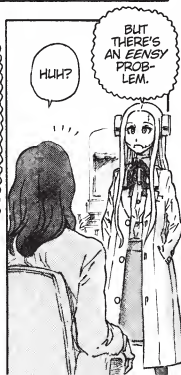
DO YOU
MEAN
PHERO-
MONES?



Jacob-
son's
Organ

BUT
IT'S
INCOM-
PLETE.

HUMANS
DO HAVE
A PHERO-
MONE
DETECTOR
OF SORTS...



HUH?

BUT
THERE'S
AN EENSY
PROB-
LEM.

IT CAN BE SUPPRESSED BY RATIONAL THOUGHT, AND MAY PERHAPS BE THE REASON FOR THE COMPLICATED PROCESS KNOWN AS LOVE.

BUT IT EXPLAINS WHY HUMAN SEXUALITY ISN'T AN OVERWHELMING FORCE.

THAT'S ONE OF THE HUMAN BODY'S BIG MYSTERIES.

SO THEN, HOW...?

THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH.

IF I CAN JUST GET THE PRODUCERS AND SPONSORS TO WORK WITH ME...

I'LL USE MY ACTING SKILLS TO WIN OVER THE AUDIENCES.

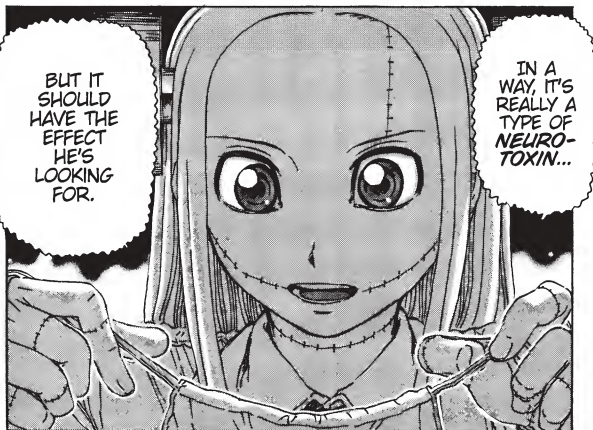
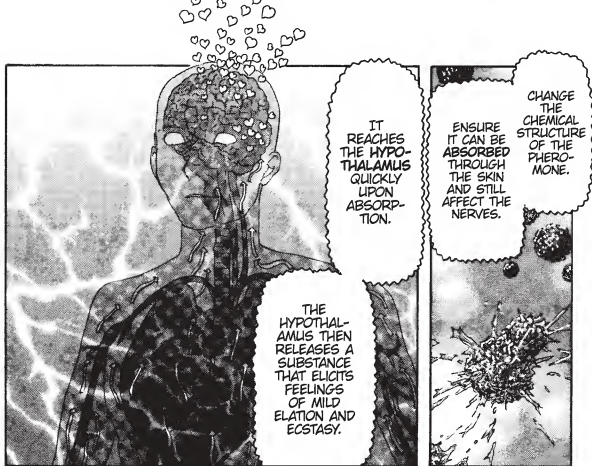
IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T EXTEND TO MOVIES OR TV.

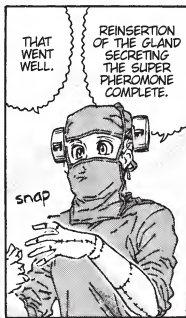
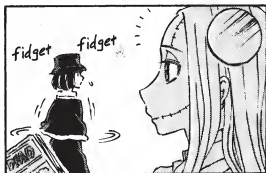
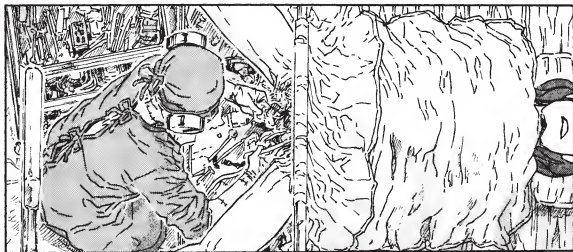
HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THEIR EFFECT WOULD BE LIMITED TO PEOPLE YOU MET DIRECTLY...

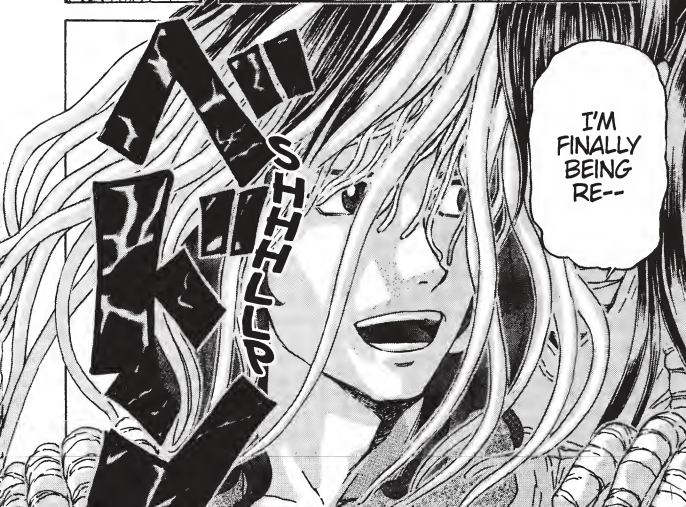
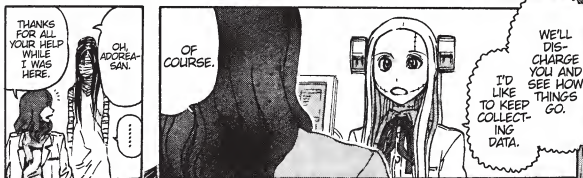
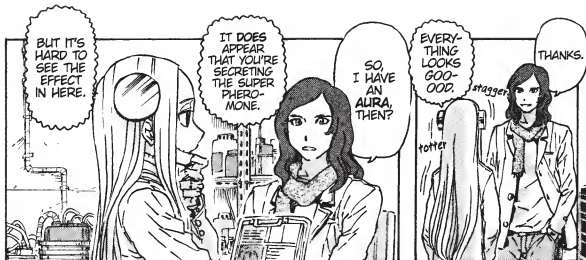
WELL, I CAN PLAY AROUND A LITTLE.

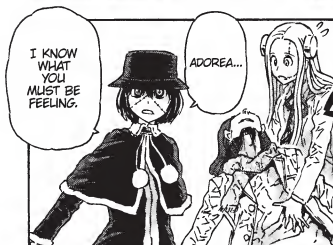
SO, ARE PHEROMONES **USELESS**, THEN?











THIS MUST BE THE PHEROMONES ...!

WHA ...?

THIS MUST BE THE PHEROMONES ...!

WHA ...?

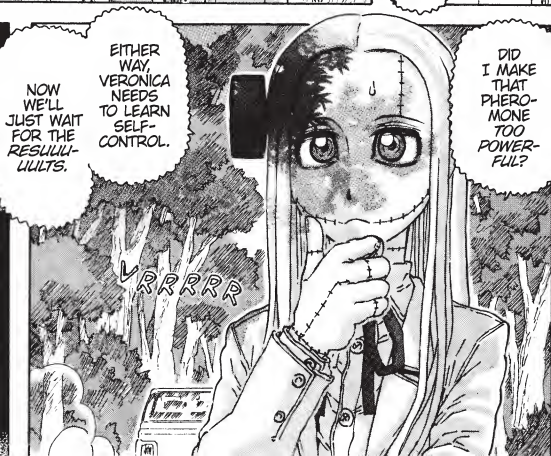
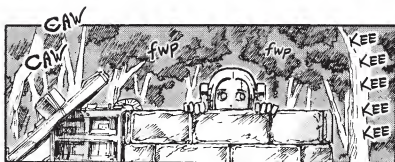
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KSSSHK
カッパッパッ

LOCK
DOWN
THIS
ROOM!!

LOCK DOWN THIS ROOM!!

EMERGENCY LEVEL B!

OSWALD!

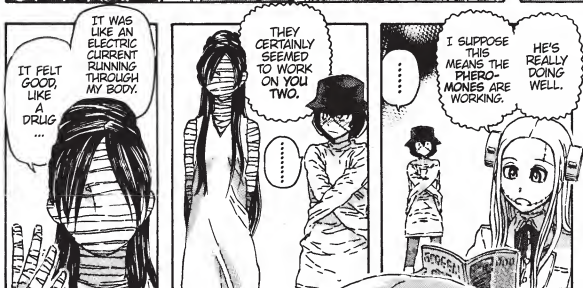




Heart-
poundingly
☆
Myste-
rious!

A
must-
see
work
of art!

Starring
Yukizaki
Tooru
and
Maezono
Yuria...



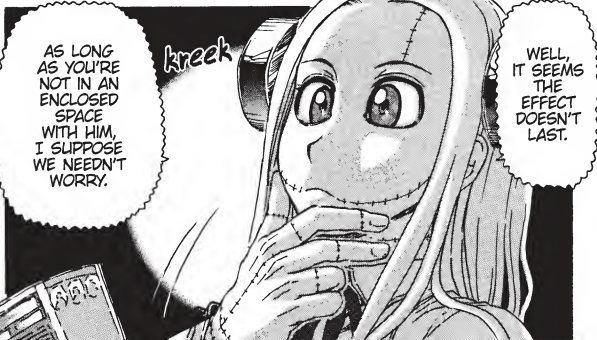
IT FELT
GOOD,
LIKE
A
DRUG
...

IT WAS
LIKE AN
ELECTRIC
CURRENT
RUNNING
THROUGH
MY BODY.

THEY
CERTAINLY
SEEMED
TO WORK
ON YOU
TWO.

I SUPPOSE
THIS
MEANS THE
PHERO-
MONES ARE
WORKING.

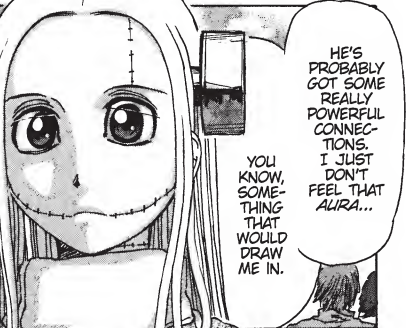
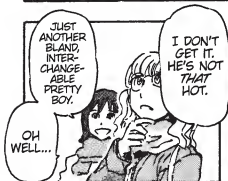
HE'S
REALLY
DOING
WELL.



AS LONG
AS YOU'RE
NOT IN AN
ENCLOSED
SPACE
WITH HIM,
I SUPPOSE
WE NEEDN'T
WORRY.

kreek

WELL,
IT SEEMS
THE
EFFECT
DOESN'T
LAST.



BUT MY
SHOWS KEEP
LOSING
RATINGS,
AND THEN
THEY GET
DROPPED.

WELL,
I KEEP
GETTING
WORK.
OKAY.

THE
ONLINE
REVIEWS
ARE
BRUTAL.



COME!
WE'LL
TALK IN
THE PA
BUILDING
OUT
BACK.

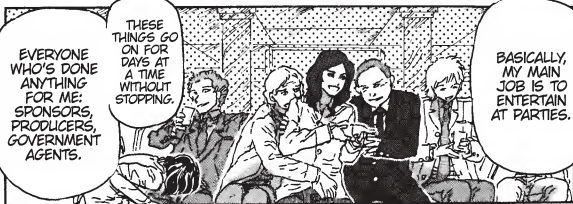
AH,
YUKIZAKI-
SAN.
IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE.



EVERYONE
WHO'S DONE
ANYTHING
FOR ME:
SPONSORS,
PRODUCERS,
GOVERNMENT
AGENTS.

THESE
THINGS GO
ON FOR
DAYS AT
A TIME
WITHOUT
STOPPING.

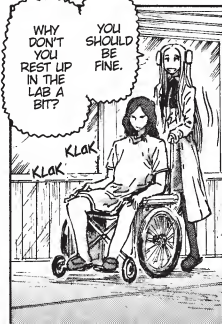
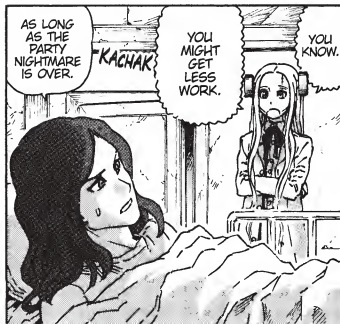
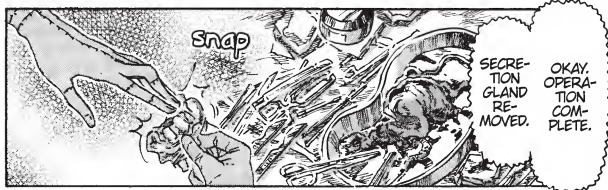
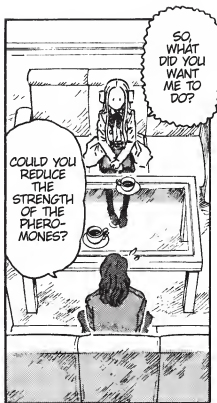
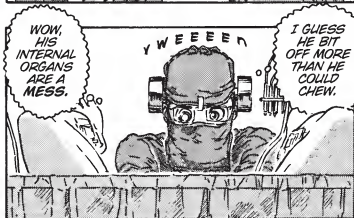
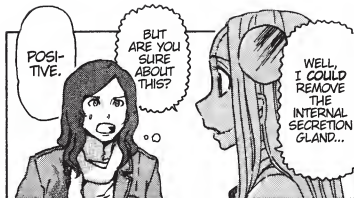
BASICALLY,
MY MAIN
JOB IS TO
ENTERTAIN
AT PARTIES.

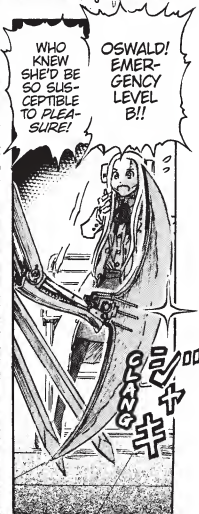
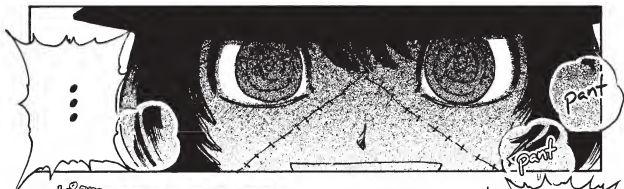


THIS IS
GOING TO
BE THE
DEATH
OF ME...

I'M
BOOKED
SOLID
FOR THE
NEXT
THREE
YEARS.







WELL, PHERO-
MONES
ARE ALSO
PRESENT
IN SWEET-
EAT.

WAIT,
SO
I...

IT LOOKS
LIKE
YOU'RE
STILL
EMITTING
PHERO-
MONES
SOMEHOW.

THAT'S
IMPOS-
SIBLE!

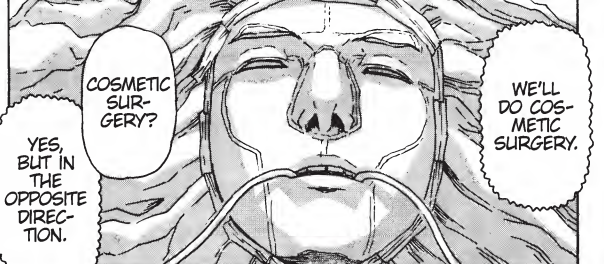
THAT...

YOU
MIGHT
HAVE TO
AVOID
DIRECT
CONTACT
WITH
PEOPLE.

MAYBE
YOUR
BODY
TOOK
OVER
PRODUC-
TION...?

HM-
MM.

WELL,
PERHAPS
THERE'S
SOMETHING
ELSE
WE COULD
TRY...



A close-up of a man's face, eyes closed, with medical equipment attached to his nose and mouth. He has a mustache and is wearing a headband. The background shows a medical setting with various tubes and equipment.

YES,
BUT IN
THE
OPPOSITE
DIREC-
TION.

COSMETIC
SUR-
GERY?

WE'LL
DO COS-
METIC
SURGERY.



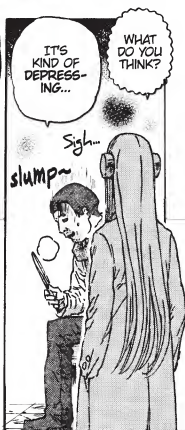
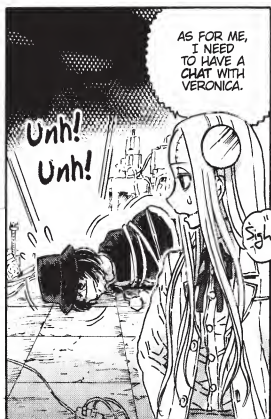
A man in a dark lab coat and a headlamp is walking in a hospital corridor. He is talking on a mobile phone. He is carrying a white bag. The corridor has medical equipment and a patient on a gurney in the background.

ANY
NUMBER
OF STARS
HAVE NON-
TRADITIONAL
FEATURES.

BUT THIS
SHOULD
KEEP PEOPLE
FROM
MAKING
YOU THEIR
PLAYTHING.

IN OTHER
WORDS,
WE'LL
REDUCE
YOUR
PHYSICAL
ATTRACTIVE-
NESS.

YOU
HAVE THE
PHERO-
MONES,
SO YOU
SHOULD
STILL GET
WORK.





WE'RE HAVING A PARTY, BUT... WHY DON'T YOU GIVE THIS ONE A MISS?



pant

THE
UNIQUE
AURA
OF A
SUPER-
STAR.

WHAT'S
THE
WORD?
CHA-
RISMA,
MAYBE...

IT'S
YOUR
SPIRIT
WE'VE
FALLEN
IN LOVE
WITH.

pant

pant

pant

YOUR
LOOKS
ARE
NOTHING
TO US.

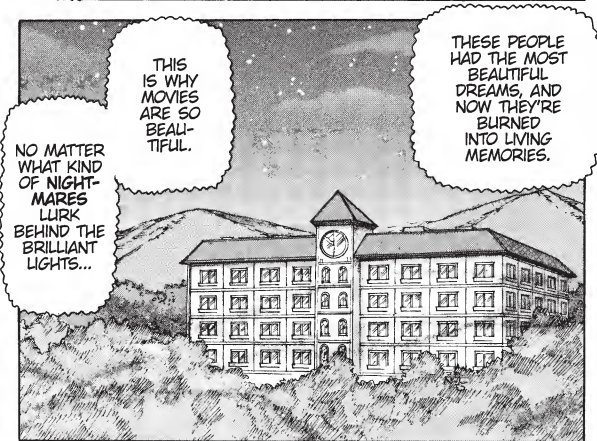
YUKIZAKI-
KUN, DO
YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA
HOW MUCH
WE'VE
INVESTED
IN YOU?

pant

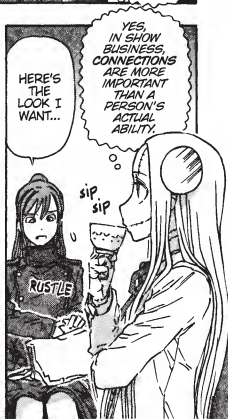
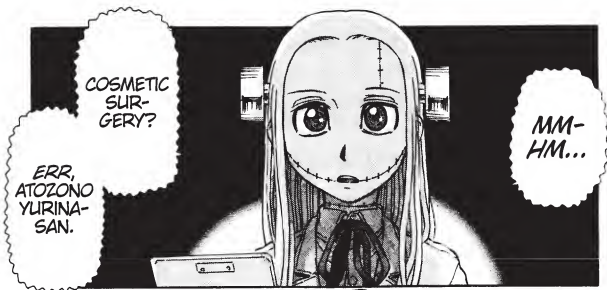
pant

WE'LL
NEVER
LET
YOU
GO...

NGH!
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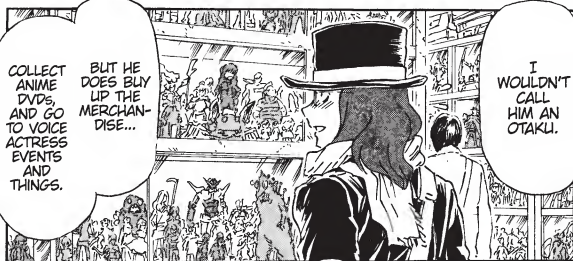
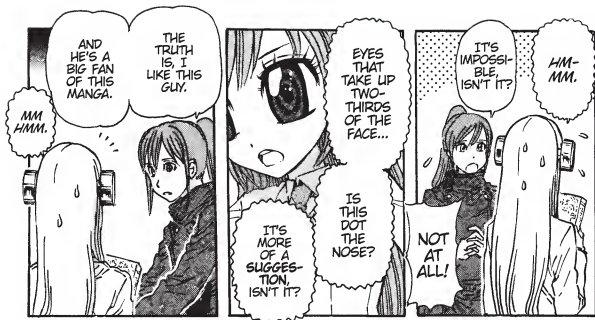


# Ep.37 / TWO-DIMENSIONS

LET'S  
SEEEE...  
SO, BASED  
ON THIS,  
WHAT YOU  
WANT TO  
DO IS...?

IF  
POSSIBLE,  
I'D LIKE  
TO LOOK  
LIKE  
THIS...





I THINK I HIT A NERVE...

HUIH?

AND YET, HE STILL NEVER COMES HOOD-OOME.

YOU WANT HIM TO NOTICE YOOO-OOOO.

OF COURSE YOU DOOOOOO. I UNDERSTAAAAND.

sob

I JUST WANT TO GET HIS ATTENTION SOME-HOW.

Ah!

I'LL DO WHAT-EVER I CAN TO HELP!!

Ah ha ha ha ha!

NEVER FEAR!

SO, WE'LL NEED TO PLAN WHAT WE'RE DOING EACH TIME, AND IN WHAT ORDER.

WE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ALL THIS IN A SINGLE GO.

I SEE.

OKAY.

SKRTCH  
SKRTCH

FOR NOW, LET'S PLOT OUT THE SURGERIES.

APPLY  
ANES-  
THETIC  
TO THE  
FACE!

WE'LL  
BEGIN  
WITH THE  
SIMPLEST  
PROCE-  
DURE!

LET'S  
BEGIN!

UH,  
UM.

HAIRLINE  
MOVED  
BACK  
TWO  
CENTIME-  
TERS!

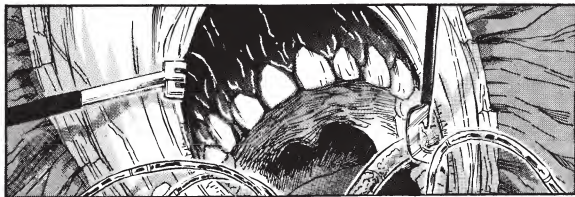
SUCTIO-  
ING  
CHEEK  
FAT!

Aaaa!  
shhhhlp

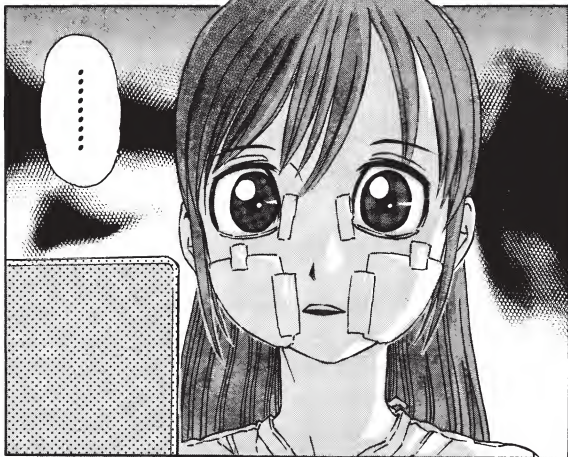
INCISION  
INTO THE  
INNER AND  
OUTER  
CANTHUS!

CARTI-  
LAGE  
REMOVED  
FROM THE  
BRIDGE  
OF THE  
NOSE!

8

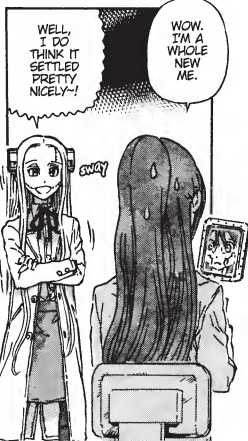






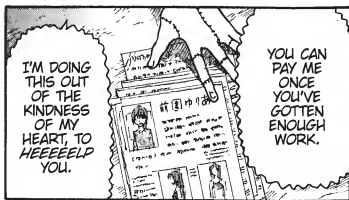
I CAN INTRO-  
DUCE  
YOU TO SOME-  
ONE.

NOW, I'D RECOMMEND  
YOU CHANGE  
YOUR NAME  
AND YOUR  
AGENCY.



WELL,  
I DO  
THINK IT  
SETTLED  
PRETTY  
NICELY-!

WOW.  
I'M A  
WHOLE  
NEW  
ME.



I'M DOING  
THIS OUT  
OF THE  
KINDNESS  
OF MY  
HEART, TO  
HEEEELP  
YOU.

YOU CAN  
PAY ME  
ONCE  
YOU'VE  
GOTTEN  
ENOUGH  
WORK.



FRAN-  
SAN  
TOLD ME  
ALL  
ABOUT  
YOU.

IT'S  
NICE  
TO  
MEET  
YOU.



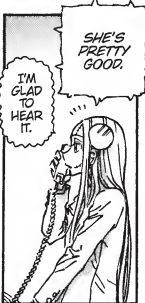
Maezono Yuria Fan Club

MENU

LOOKS  
LIKE HER  
HARD  
WORK IS  
PAYING  
OFF.

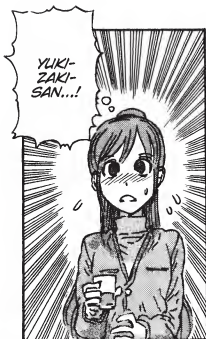
AT ANY  
RATE,  
SHE'S  
FULL OF  
ENTHUSI-  
ASM.

AND SHE  
DOESN'T  
HAVE A  
SWELLED  
HEAD OVER  
HER  
LOOKS.

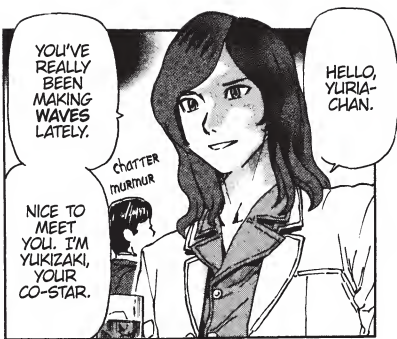


I'M  
GLAD  
TO  
HEAR  
IT.

SHE'S  
PRETTY  
GOOD.



YUKI-  
ZAKI-  
SAN....!



YOU'VE  
REALLY  
BEEN  
MAKING  
WAVES  
LATELY.

HELLO,  
YURIA-  
CHAN.

NICE TO  
MEET  
YOU. I'M  
YUKIZAKI,  
YOUR  
CO-STAR.

CHATTER  
MURMUR



HERE,  
I'LL LEND  
YOU SOME  
DVDs.  
THEY'RE  
SERIOUSLY  
DEEP.

YOU  
MAKE IT  
SOUND  
LIKE A  
DIRTY WORD.

YUKI-  
CHAN,  
YOU  
STILL AN  
ANIME  
GROUPIE?

AN  
OTAKU,  
AND  
WITH  
THAT  
FACE...

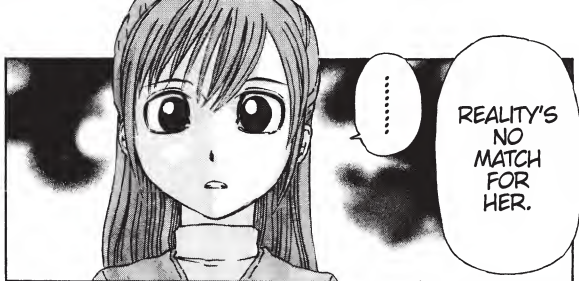


AND  
MARIA-  
CHAN  
IS A  
GOD-  
DESS!

HEART ☆  
MYS IS  
ACTUALLY  
A GRITTY,  
HARD-  
BOILED  
SUSPENSE  
STORY, YOU  
KNOW.

I HEARD  
YOU LIKED  
THE  
HEROINE?

THAT  
SHOUJO  
MANGA,  
WHAT  
WAS IT  
AGAIN?



.....

REALITY'S  
NO  
MATCH  
FOR  
HER.



NO  
MATCH.

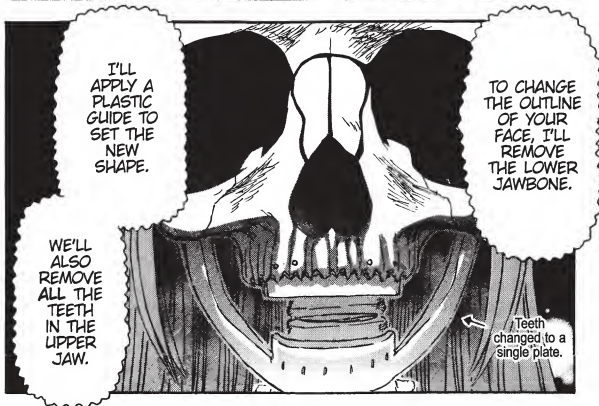
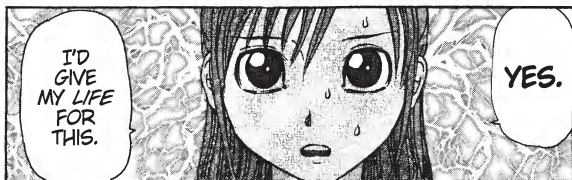
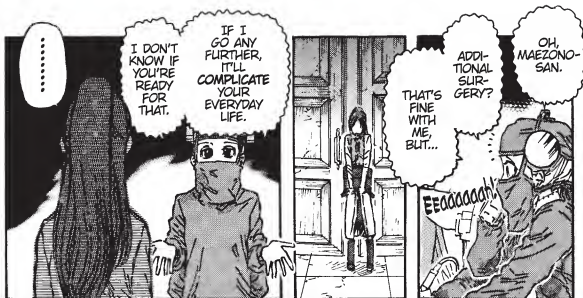
REALI-  
TY'S NO  
MATCH...

REALI-  
TY...

mutter  
mutter

MARIA-  
CHAN.



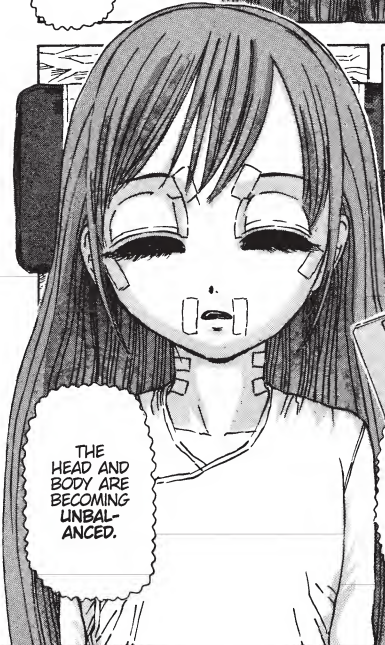




SHORTEN  
THE  
TONGUE,  
SO IT  
DOESN'T  
STICK  
OUT.

CHANGE  
THE  
PLACEMENT  
OF THE  
NERVES.

ADJUST  
THE  
SHAPE.



FIFTY-  
TWO  
DETAILED  
CHANGES  
...

shf  
shf

THE  
HEAD AND  
BODY ARE  
BECOMING  
UNBAL-  
ANCED.

THIS IS  
BECOMING  
QUITE  
THE PRICY  
JOB.

THE MAGAZINE FOR THE THINKING WOMAN

# COLLORS

[ MONTHLY COLLORS • MAY ]

THE SECOND DIMENSION'S  
NOT SO FAR  
EXTENDED INTERVIEW  
WITH MAEZONO YURIA

NEVER LOST OUT TO ANIME!  
CREATING A 2D BODY

KNOWLEDGE, PLAY, FOOD, BEAUTY

THE APPEAL OF 2D ACCORDING  
TO MIYAZAKI JUN

SPECIAL FEATURE:

ROME  
PLEASURES OF THE  
HISTORICAL CITY

KISHIMA YOH  
SHIRAGANE  
KANAKO



WHEN EVERYONE WANTS LARGE BREASTS, MORE LARGE BREASTS APPEAR.

WHEN PRETTY FACES ARE IN FASHION, MORE PRETTY FACES APPEAR.

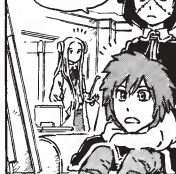
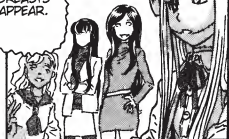
I SUPPOSE YOU COULD CALL IT A SOCIAL ASPIRATION.

ME, I FIND IT KINDA CREEPY.

SHE'S SUPER POPULAR.

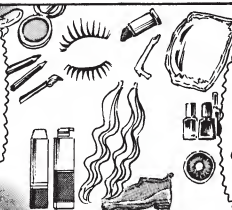
THAT GIRL WHO MADE HERSELF ALL ANIME-LOOKING'S ON TV.

HEY!



AND THAT BECOMES THE CURRENT BEAUTY STANDARD.

BUT A SELECT FEW HAVE THOSE FEATURES FOR REAL.

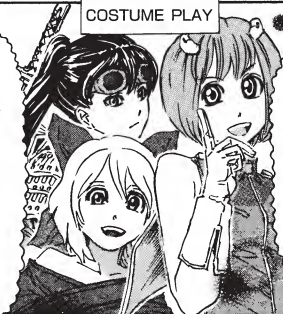


MAKE-UP, PADDING, TRICKS OF FASHION...

MOST OF IT IS FAKE, OR RATHER A DISGUISE.

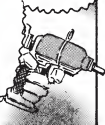
### COSTUME PLAY

I SUPPOSE IT'S INEVITABLE THAT IT'S SOUGHT OUT IN REALITY AS WELL.



SO NOW, WE'RE ASSAULTED BY THEIR VERSION OF BEAUTY.

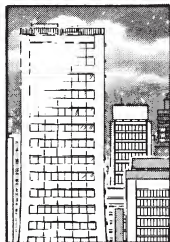
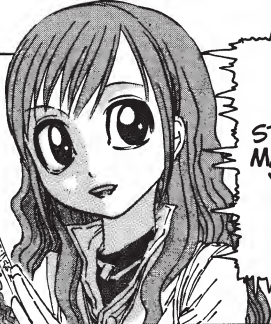
MANGA AND ANIME HAVE BECOME HUGE POPULAR...





AS THE  
HEROINE OF  
THE WILDLY  
POPULAR  
SHOUJO  
MANGA,  
HEART-  
POUNDINGLY  
☆  
MYSTERIOUS,  
NAZOTOKI  
MARIA!

STARRING  
MAEZONO  
YURIA!



HE'S A HUGE  
FAN OF THE  
ORIGINAL  
MANGA,  
AND IS VERY  
ENTHUSIASTIC  
ABOUT THE  
ROLE, STAKING  
HIS CAREER  
AS AN ACTOR  
ON IT.



HER  
COSTAR  
IS THE  
TALENTED  
YOUNG  
RISING  
LIGHT...

YUKI-  
ZAKI  
TOORU!



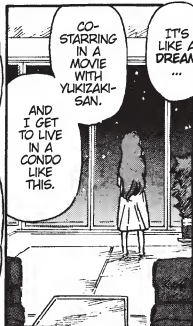
IF THE  
OLD ME  
SAW THIS,  
WHAT  
WOULD  
SHE SAY  
...?

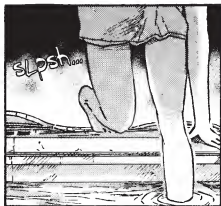
THE ME  
THAT LIVED  
IN A FILTHY,  
SIX-MAT  
APARTMENT  
DOING DIRTY  
WORK  
PART-TIME...

CO-  
STARRING  
IN A  
MOVIE  
WITH  
YUKIZAKI-  
SAN.

AND  
I GET  
TO LIVE  
IN A  
CONDO  
LIKE  
THIS.

IT'S  
LIKE A  
DREAM  
...





...TO  
GET MY  
BEAUTY  
REST.

OKAY,  
IT'S  
TIME...

shff...



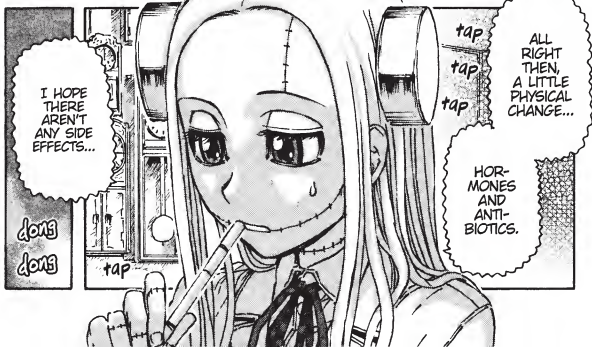
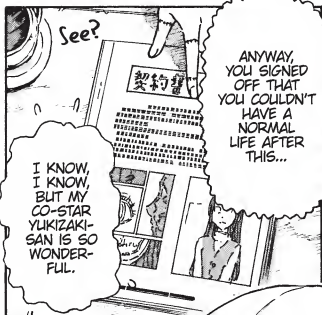
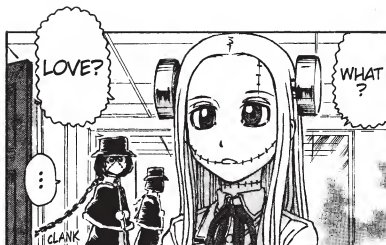
MY  
MUSCLES  
ATROPHY,  
MY BONE  
DENSITY  
DEGRADES.

MY BODY  
GETS  
WEAKER,  
LEGS AND  
ARMS LIKE  
STICKS.

EVENTUALLY,  
I'LL GET  
FRAN-SAN  
TO SHAVE  
DOWN MY  
BONES.

AND  
THEN, I'LL  
BE EVEN  
CLOSER  
TO TWO  
DIMEN-  
SIONS...

I NEED TO  
FLOAT IN  
THIS SALINE  
SOLUTION  
AS MUCH AS  
POSSIBLE, SO  
I DON'T PUT  
ANY STRESS  
ON MY BODY.



tap  
tap  
tap

ALL RIGHT THEN, A LITTLE PHYSICAL CHANGE...

HORMONES AND ANTI-BIOTICS.



RIGHT ...

YUKIZAKI-SAN WILL LEAD YOU THROUGH IT.

Ha ha ha!

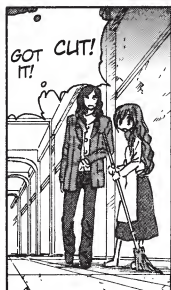
glance  
glance



ARE YOU READY?

LIP NEXT IS YOUR KISS SCENE, YURIA-CHAN.

OH... YES!

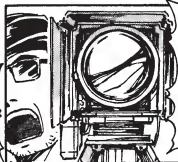


GOT CUT!  
IT!

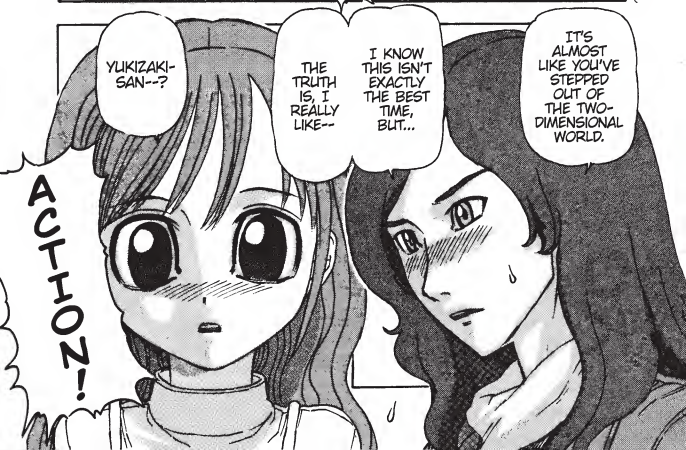


YURIA-CHAN, YOU JUST KEEP GETTING MORE BEAUTIFUL.

READY!



OKAY, HERE WE GO! CAMERA CHECK!



YUKIZAKI-SAN--??

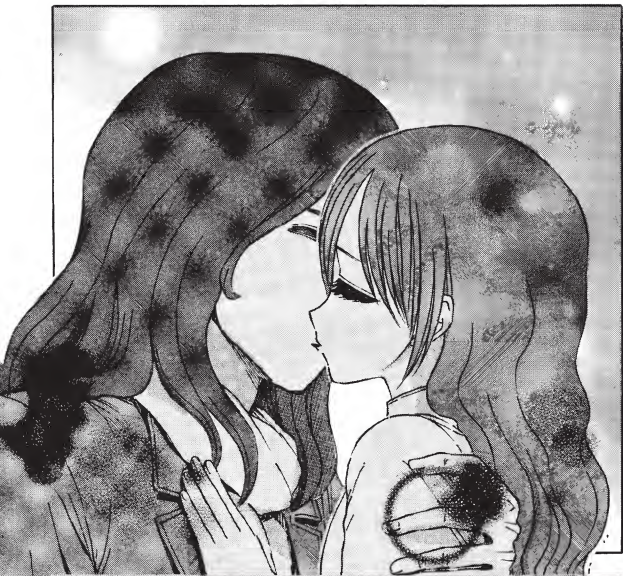
THE TRUTH IS, I REALLY LIKE--

I KNOW THIS ISN'T EXACTLY THE BEST TIME, BUT...

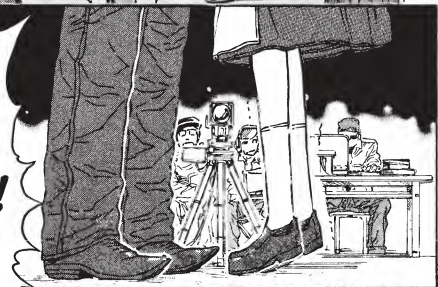
IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU'VE STEPPED OUT OF THE TWO-DIMENSIONAL WORLD.

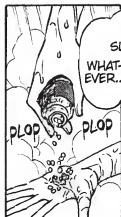
ACTION--!





**OKAY,  
GREAT!**



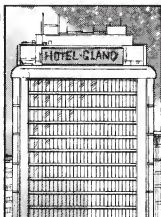


I'M SURE...  
WHAT-  
EVER...



ARE  
YOU  
REALLY  
SURE...

YURIA-  
CHAN?



...HAP-  
PENS  
TO  
ME...

HAP-  
PENS...



AHH.

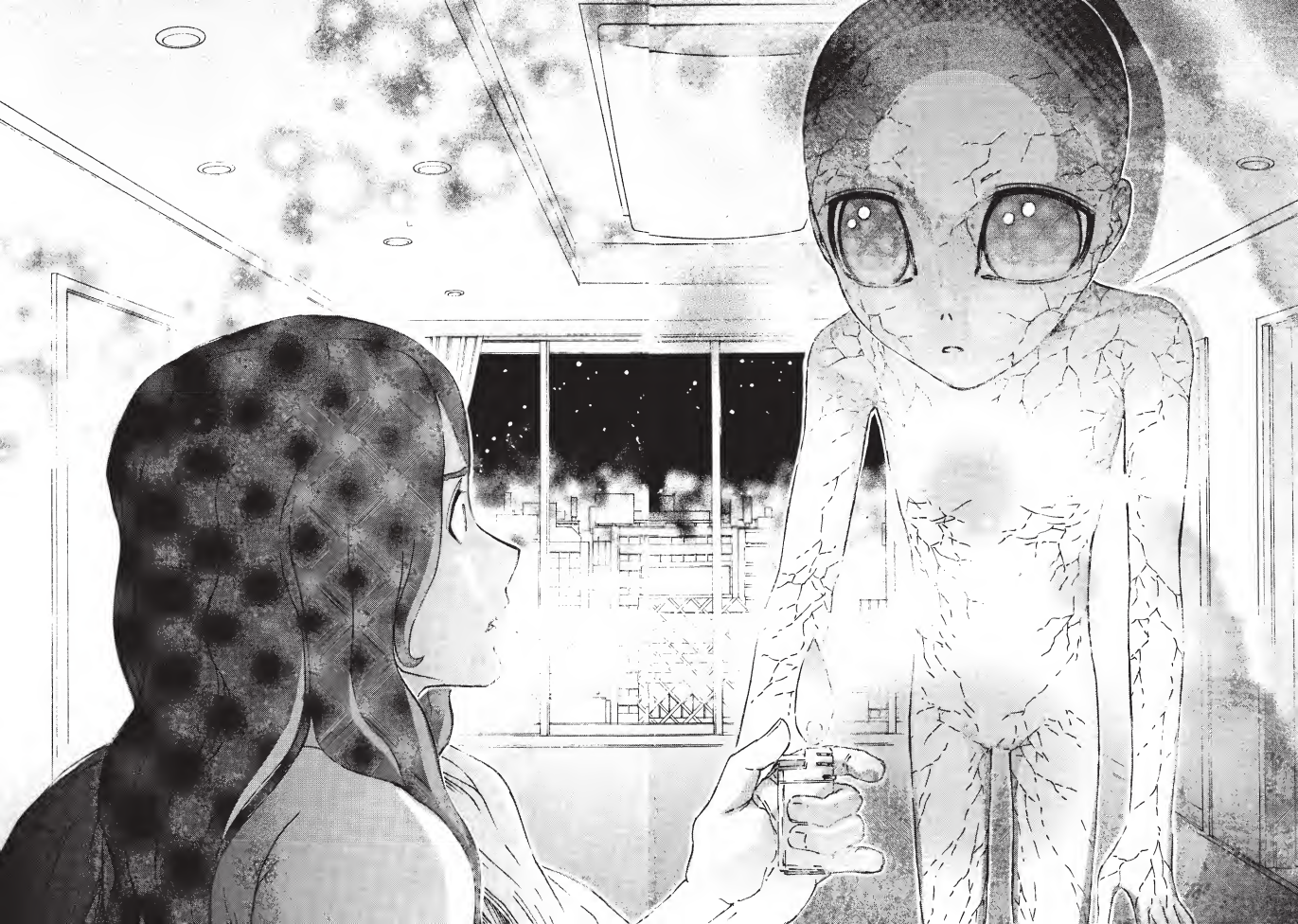
I'M  
TURNING  
THE  
LIGHT  
OUT.



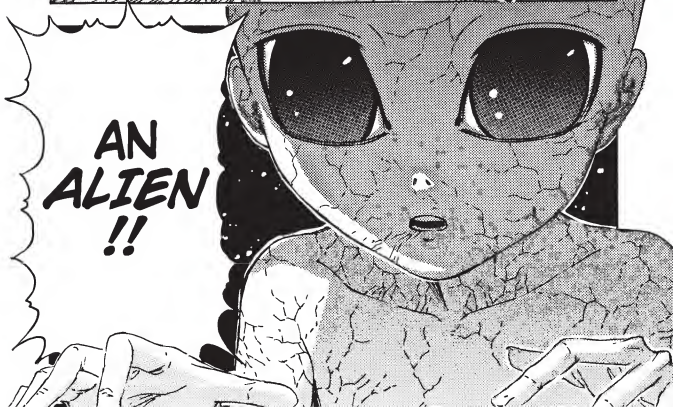
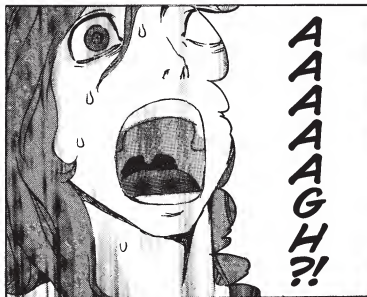
I KNOW  
THIS IS  
AN IM-  
PORTANT  
TIME FOR  
YOU.

YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE TO  
PUSH  
YOUR-  
SELF.

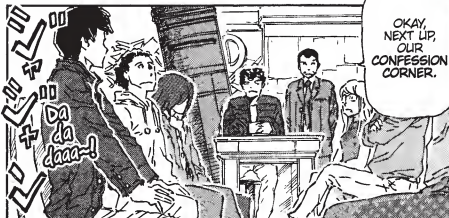












OKAY,  
NEXT UP,  
OUR  
CONFESSION  
CORNER.



Ha  
ha  
ha  
ha

HEY,  
THIS IS  
SERIOUS!  
REALLY!

I was attacked in a hotel by an alien  
**Yukizaki Tooru**

YUKIZAKI  
"I WAS  
ATTACKED  
IN A  
HOTEL BY  
AN ALIEN"  
TOORU!

COMING  
OUT ON  
MARCH  
EIGHTH  
FROM TOEI!  
PLEASE  
CHECK IT  
OUT.

HEART-  
POUNDINGLY  
☆  
MYSTERI-  
OUS.

OF COURSE.  
AND BE SURE  
TO SEE THE  
LATEST FILM  
STARRING  
YUKIZAKI-KUN  
HERE AND  
MAEZONO  
YURIA-CHAN...

CAN YOU  
EVEN  
HEAR  
YOUR-  
SELF?

ARE  
YOU  
FOR  
REAL?

THIS  
ISN'T  
A  
JOKE.

ALIENS  
REALLY  
DO  
EXIST.

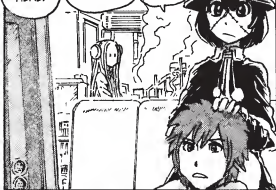
WE'RE  
SORRY WE  
COULDN'T  
GET YURIA-  
CHAN TO  
JOIN US  
AS WELL.



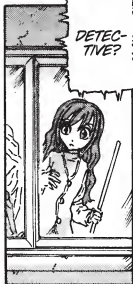
MAYBE  
I'LL  
GET HER  
AUTO-  
GRAPH  
NEXT TIME  
SHE'S  
HERE.

BRIGHT  
FUTURE  
AHEAD  
OF THIS  
ONE.

YEP,  
SHE  
DID IT.

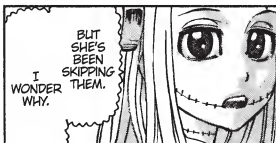


DETEC-  
TIVE?



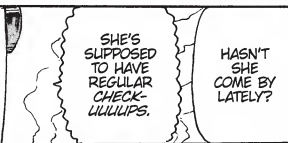
I  
WONDER  
WHY.

BUT  
SHE'S  
BEEN  
SKIPPING  
THEM.

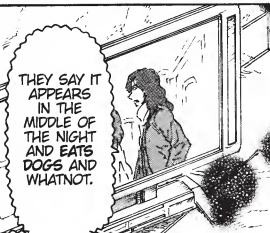


SHE'S  
SUPPOSED  
TO HAVE  
REGULAR  
CHECK-  
UPS.

HASN'T  
SHE  
COME BY  
LATELY?



THEY SAY IT  
APPEARS  
IN THE  
MIDDLE OF  
THE NIGHT  
AND EATS  
DOGS AND  
WHATNOT.

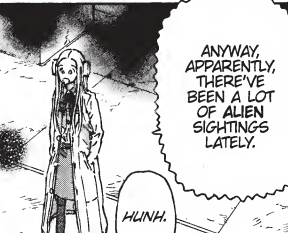


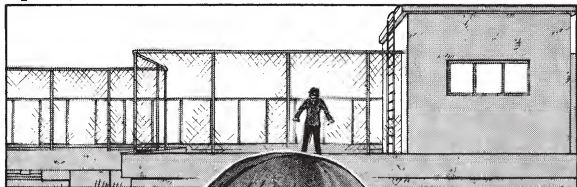
ANYWAY,  
APPARENTLY,  
THERE'VE  
BEEN A LOT  
OF ALIEN  
SIGHTINGS  
LATELY.

HUHH.

IT  
COULD BE  
THE REAL  
THING.  
I'D LOVE  
TO MEET  
IT.

YOU  
MEAN LIKE  
THAT GUY?  
HAS ANYONE  
ELSE  
SEEN IT?

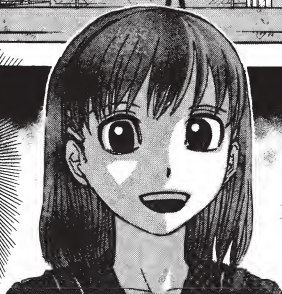




"EVERYONE  
GOES  
AT THEIR  
OWN  
PACE."

"MARIO."

"YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE TO  
TRY AND  
CHANGE  
YOUR-  
SELF."



I CAN'T  
TAKE IT  
ANY-  
MORE.

I'M NOT  
STRONG  
LIKE  
KONOHA-  
CHAN.

I  
CAN'T...



KONOHA-  
CHAN.



AH  
?!

CRAP--

I SHOULD  
ERASE  
MY COM-  
PUTER.

OH  
RIGHT.

clank

SLIP



ひびくひびく  
ひびくひびく  
ひびくひびく



225

ADOREA,  
OPEN  
ZIPPER  
EIGHTEEN  
AND  
TWENTY!

I'M  
BEGINNING  
THE  
OPERATION!!

AND  
REPAIR  
ANY  
DAMAGED  
PARTS!

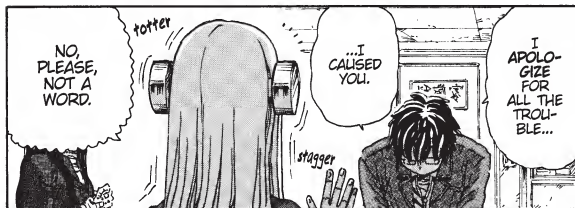
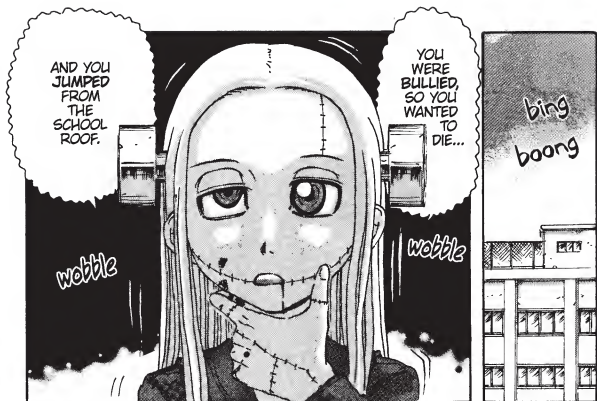
MEASURES  
TO  
BRING  
HIM  
BACK...

Ep.38 / IMAGINARY SELF

**WHUMP**

## IMAGINARY SELF







WHEN I CAME TO THIS SCHOOL, IT HAPPENED AGAIN. AND YEAH, I KNOW I SHOULD STAND UP FOR MYSELF, BUT...

Heh  
heh  
heh  
heh!

Stop  
it!

Ah  
ha  
ha  
ha  
ha!

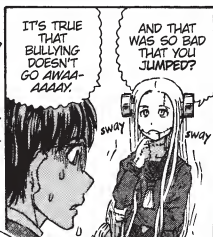
I'M NOT VERY BIG, AND THEY SAY I HAVE A FACE LIKE A GIRL, SO I GOT TEASED ALL THE TIME.



BUT WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ...?!

I KNOW I'M AN EASY TARGET!

I WANT TO CHANGE MYSELF!!



IT'S TRUE THAT BULLYING DOESN'T GO AWAA-AAAAAY.

AND THAT WAS SO BAD THAT YOU JUMPED?

sway

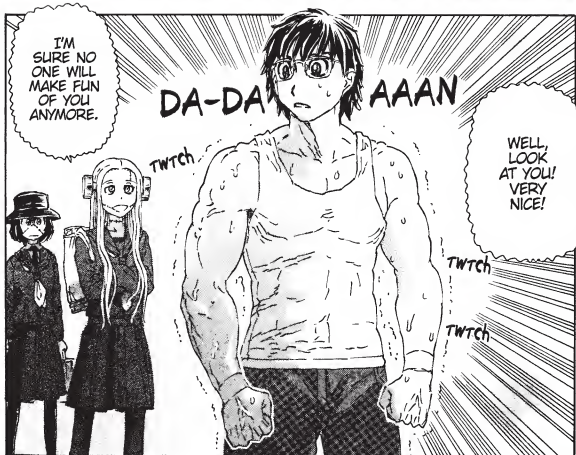
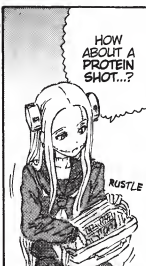
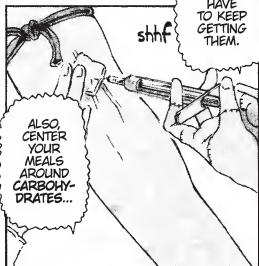
sway

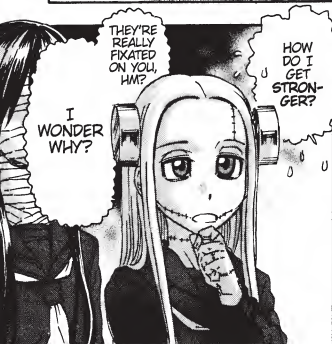


OH, WELL.

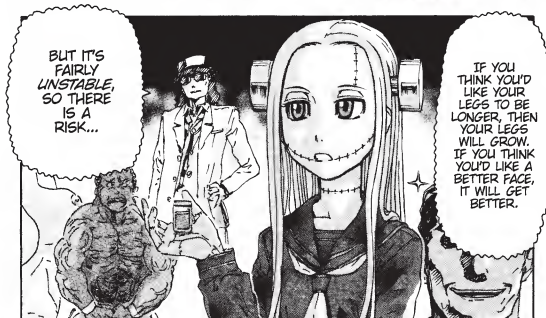
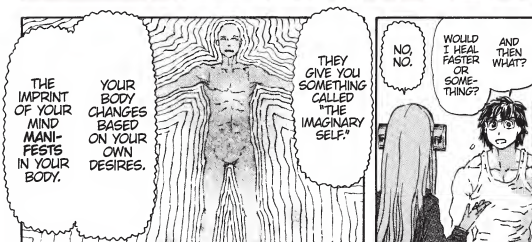
HAVE YOU TRIED EXERCISING OR TRAAAAA-AAINING?

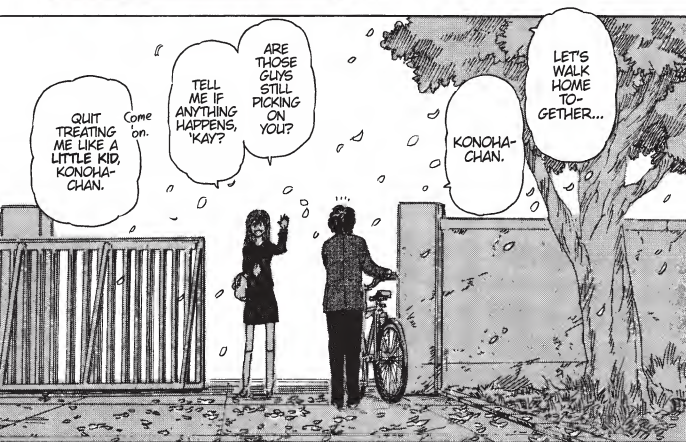
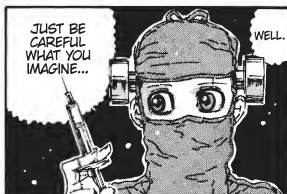
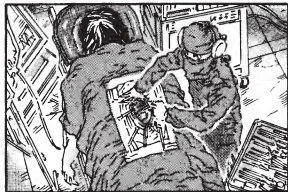
YOU'RE SOME KIND OF MAD SCIENTIST! CAN'T YOU HELP ME?!











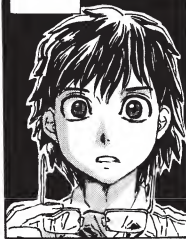
AFTER.



IN PROGRESS.



BEFORE.



WAY  
BETTER  
THAN TV  
OR VIDEO  
GAMES.

SKIDDLE  
SKIDDLE

I HAD  
NO IDEA  
SCHOOL  
COULD  
BE THIS  
MUCH  
FUN...

I'M  
REALLY  
DOING  
A LOT  
BETTER!

STRETCH  
STRETCH

SHHF

YOU'RE  
GONNA  
BE SUR-  
PRISED,  
KONOHAMA-  
CHAN.

Heh  
heh  
heh  
heh  
heh

WITH  
THIS,  
MY TEST  
RESULTS,  
TOO...



IT'S  
LIKE THE  
MORE I  
EXERCISE  
THE MORE  
THE ENGINE  
REVS...

MY  
BODY'S  
SO  
LIGHT.

huff huff huff

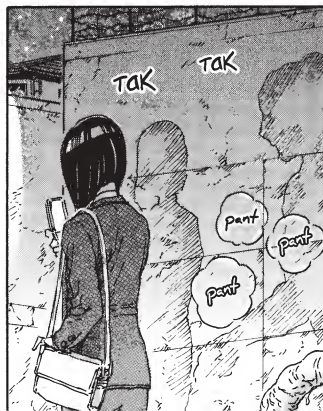
HAH!

LIKE  
THIS?

YWSH



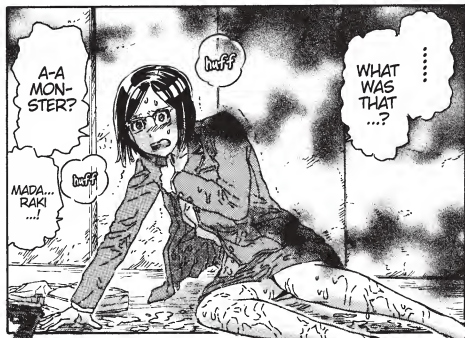
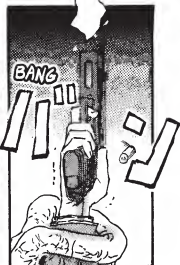
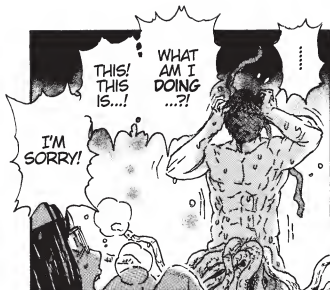






AAAAAAAAAH!!

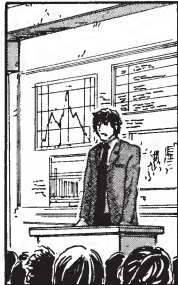


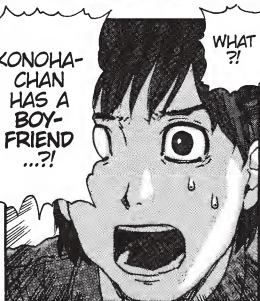
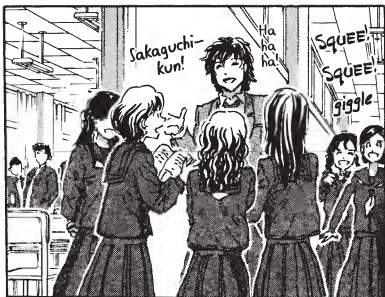


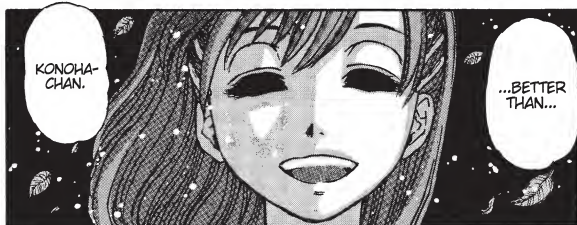
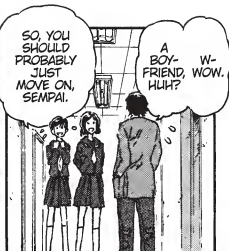


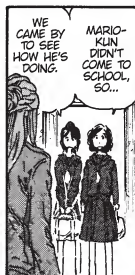




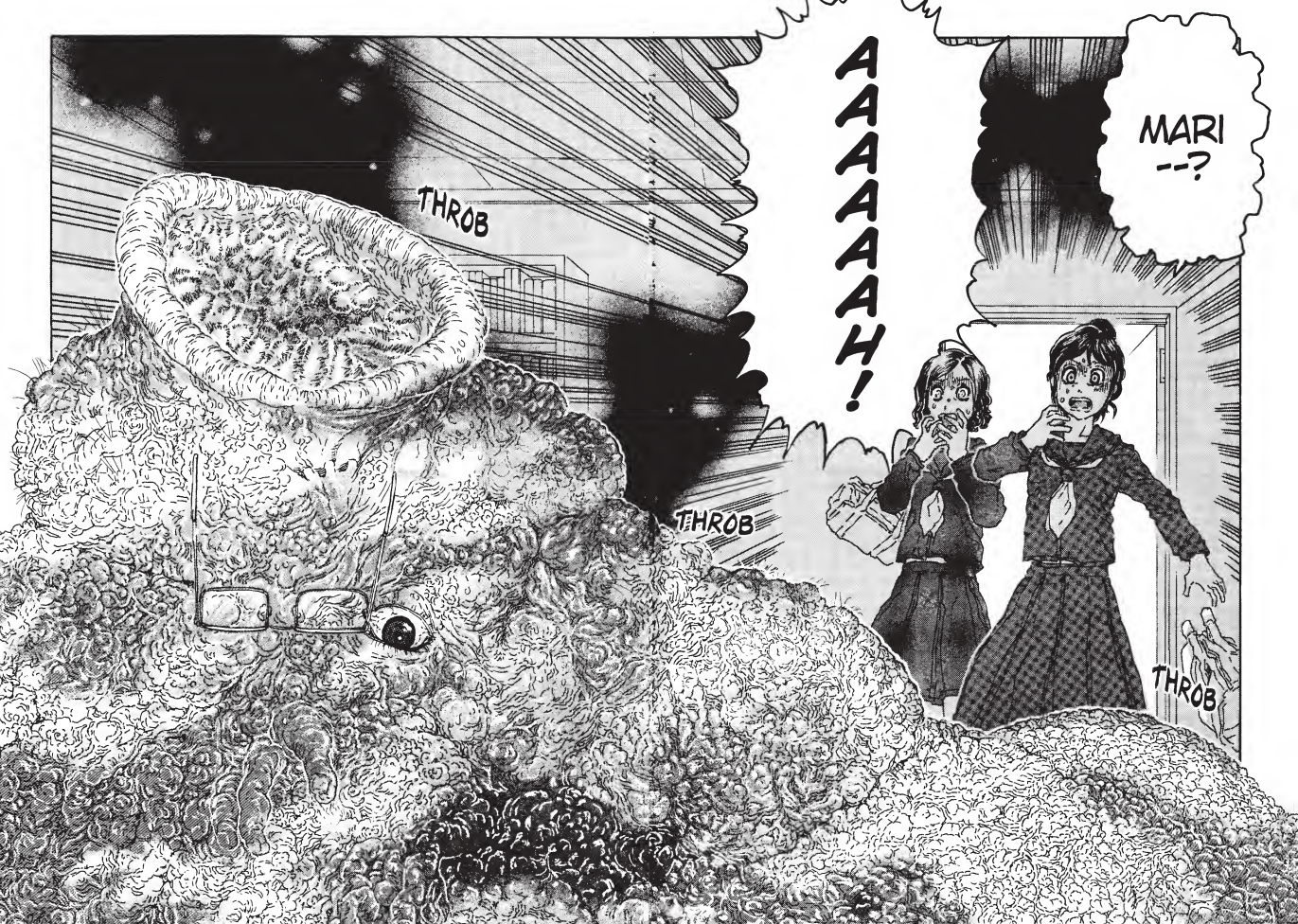












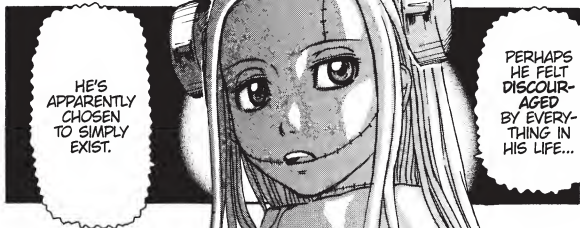
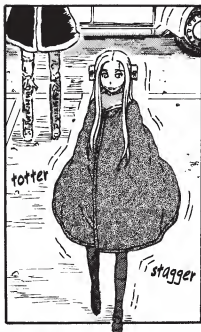
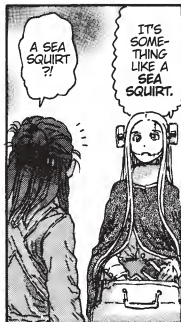
THROB

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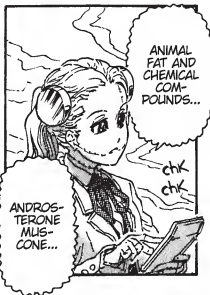
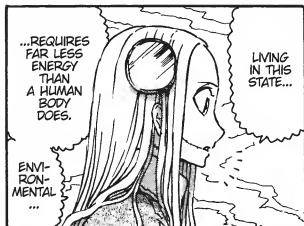
MARI  
--?

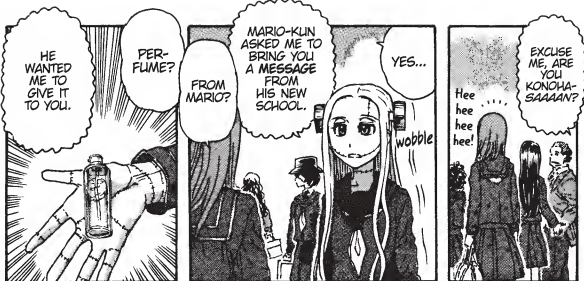
AAAAAH!

THROB









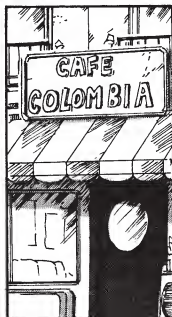
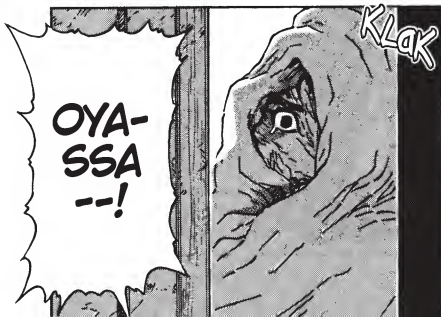


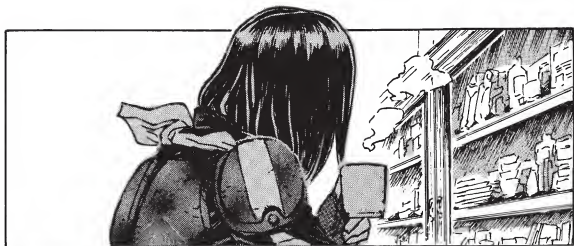
Extra Episode/A REGULAR CUSTOMER





RIGHT. OYA-SSAN...





YOU...  
THAT  
LOOK.  
YOU  
CAN'T  
BE...!

OYA-  
SSAN'S  
GONE OUT  
TO PICK  
UP SOME  
THINGS.

MY  
NAME'S  
JU-  
MONJI  
HAYATO.

sip  
sip  
sip

YOU SURE  
HAVE AN  
INTEREST-  
ING WAY  
OF SAYING  
HELLO.

WHERE'S  
OYA-  
SSAN?

WHO  
ARE  
YOU?





**KAGASHI**

LET'S  
DANCE,  
YOU  
DAMNED  
PINE-  
CONE!!

I  
CARRY  
ON THE  
SENTI-  
NEL  
NAME...

ONE OF  
THOSE  
BLACK  
LOTUS  
FUCKERS  
HUH?

ZIP  
UP

I  
KNEW  
IT!

PRETTY  
FAR  
FROM  
HOME,  
AREN'T  
YOU?

zip  
zip  
zip

NO!  
I'M--!

EQUIPPED  
TRANS-  
FORMA-  
TION!





I  
DROVE  
IT OFF,  
THOUGH.

ONE OF  
THOSE  
BLACK  
LOTUS  
THINGS  
WAS  
HERE.

OH!  
OYASSAN,  
YUKIKO-  
SAN.

WHOA,  
HAYATO!  
WHAT'S  
ALL  
THIS?!

I  
JUST  
KNOW  
IT...

HE'LL  
COME  
HOME  
ONE  
DAY.

HE'S  
OFF  
FIGHTING  
UNDER  
SOME  
DISTANT  
SKY.

YEAH,  
IT  
REALLY  
WOULD  
...

IT'D  
BE SO  
REAS-  
URING.

TIMES  
LIKE THIS I  
WISH THE  
SENTINEL  
WAS  
AROUND.

SO,  
NOW  
WHAT  
DO I  
DO...?

MAYBE  
I'LL  
SEE IF  
BLACK  
LOTUS IS  
HIRING.

aah

aah

DAMMIT,  
WHAT'S  
UP WITH  
CALLING  
HIMSELF  
SECOND?

KID'S  
JACKING  
MY  
STYLE...

stagger

90

zzsh

stagger



## Woman Island

The reason for the incest taboo is apparently that you stop responding to new phenomena. Anyway, the idea is that the rulers of the two islands are siblings.

## Sentinel II



I thought that scenario where the big bad boss is all, "I'm going to wipe humanity from the face of the earth blah blah," was a little overdone. So, I twisted it a little. I got to draw all kinds of things here, which was fun, so I actually really like this one.

## Veronica Ghost Story

Sometimes I think about the stage at which ghost stories are born, sometimes I don't. My friend who loves ghost stories was delighted, but the world isn't just made up of people like that, is it?



## Giant Girl High School Student



One day, the corpse of an enormous high school girl washes up on shore, and trouble ensues... This is that story. Maybe it would have been better if I had made her the Madonna rather than Kannon-sama.

Eat her?

## Robot



An individual mass-produced and put on the market like a thing... I wanted to try a story using an incredibly simple robot design (like a detective or something).

Adorea's baring her mucous membrane, so she's weak.

## Pheromones



This is the first of two connected chapters. Either one could actually come first, but I wasn't sure about putting the big punch line here... Apparently, it was well received, so I was relieved.

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By removing almost all the jaw you make the eyes look bigger in contrast. I already draw eyes on the large side, so what am I even doing? Also, the cover for Chuo was a lot of work.



Why even bother putting me in?



## Sea Squirt

The sea squirt's a weird sort of creature, but they're actually fairly close to humans as a species. When you think about it like that, they're grotesque but fascinating. Kuho-san's really shoehorned into this one.

Thank you for reading Book Five! It looks like there's going to be a bit of a shake-up in the next volume, so if you're so inclined, please join me. See you there!

STOP  
THE  
CAR!

OH!



VRRRRRR

I'M  
SORRY.  
WHO  
ARE YOU  
AGAIN?

totter



stagger

DOCTOR!  
IT'S  
BEEN  
AGES!

OH...  
WOULD  
SHE.

wobble

NOW  
I DON'T  
HAVE TO  
WORRY  
ABOUT MY  
RETIRE-  
MENT!

THANKS  
TO YOU,  
WE'VE  
MADE  
QUITE THE  
FORTUNE!

MARIO'S  
MOTHER!

MY  
FRIEND  
SAYS SHE'D  
LOVE TO  
HAVE YOU  
FIX UP  
HER CHILD  
THE SAME  
WAY.

Oh ho ho ho ho!

glimmer

flash

glint

wobble

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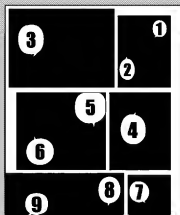
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